



XLV FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015
FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE AUDITORIUM ROOM 106

CALL TO ORDER

President Barger-Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Faculty Senate Secretary Elizabeth Overman called the roll. A quorum was established for this the 46th UCO Faculty Senate.

ROLL CALL by Faculty Senate Secretary Elizabeth Overman:

Members Present Senator Archuleta, Senator Barger Johnson, Senator Bhargava, Senator Bridges, Senator Burdina, Senator Burns, Senator Chappell, Senator Chooback, Senator Churchill, Senator Dechter, Senator DeLano, Senator DeMaio, Senator Feinberg, Senator Gorrell, Senator Hickman, Senator Hossan, Senator Jiang, Senator Johnson, Senator Karpowicz, Senator Krishnan, Senator Kyle, Senator Lohmann, Senator Maisch, Senator Martinez-Sotelo, Senator Maxwell, Senator Overman, Senator Pac, Senator Paynter, Senator Platz, Senator Rollins, Senator Schemm, Senator Vanhoy, Senator Verschelden, Senator Xu, and Senator Youngblood

Member Absent Senator Atkins

Recognition of Visitors

Provost John Barthell, Assistant Vice President Office of Research and Grants Greg Wilson, Adam Johnson, Assistant Vice President/Registrar, Liliana Renteria Mendoza, Staff Senate representative to the Faculty Senate

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes for October 8 were approved.



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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Provost John Barthell addressed the Faculty Senate. In 2018, UCO will host the National Conference for Undergraduate Research (NUCUR). Five thousand participants are anticipated.

Dr. Barthell requested the Faculty Senate's opinion on whether the faculty would be receptive to modifying the grade submission deadline for Fall semesters when necessary due to needs of Academic Affairs for reporting status to students when irregularities in the calendar exist which make it difficult to get out timely notifications to students. This would only be necessary once every few years but is anticipated in both 2016 and 2017. An informal vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

CONFIRMATION OF ELECTION

Dr. Timothy Bridges was elected to complete the term of a senator who resigned from the senate. THE TERM APRIL 2016.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Barger Johnson: For the first time this semester the Executive Committee met with President Betz and Provost Barthell in October. The major concern is the state appropriation for the 2016-2017 academic year. Oklahoma state tax collections are was much lower than projections because of the severe drop in the international market of the price of oil per barrel. UCO Administration is anticipating a cut from the state of 3 to 10 percent. "Faculty are not at risk." The administration will make any needed cuts in other areas. There is also a possibility that the state will rescind a portion of the allocation for fiscal year 2015-2016.

Vice-President Lindsay Churchill: Dr. Churchill's *Introduction to Gender Class* will hold a public forum on the lack of child care for UCO students on Thursday, November 17 in the Will Rogers Room in Nigh.

Secretary-Treasurer Overman: Senators are encouraged to make necessary corrections to the minutes. A proposed resolution calling for open faculty parking on campus was distributed.

Reporter-Historian Chappell: No report.

Parliamentarian Maisch: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Please submit all committee reports be submitted in writing to jbarger4@uco.edu for posting to the entire Faculty Senate.



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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Academic Affairs Committee: No report.
2. Adjunct Affairs: No report.
3. Alumni and Community Service Committee: No report.
4. Budget Committee: No report.
5. CPP&E Committee: No report.
6. **Faculty Handbook and Revision Committee:** Committee chair Delano had no report. President Barger reported that the FHEB was working on provisions for: the number excused absences for student athletes; start and end dates when the faculty are expected to be on campus each semester and when they are allowed to leave at the end of the semester. Senator Overman asked why the FS FHEB committee had not convened for the entire semester even though the FHEB was meeting on a monthly basis. President Barger and Senator Delano explained that the Faculty Senate FHRC is not tasked until the university committee completes its work and sends those suggested revisions down to the Faculty Senate for formal action.
7. **Faculty Welfare and Development Committee:** Faculty and staff are enrolling in revised health insurance schemes; the committee is discussing tuition reimbursement plans, safety on campus, changing the name of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day; a RFP for a new campus health clinic has been released.
8. Information Resources and Technology Committee: No report.
9. Personnel Policies Committee: No report.
10. Research Committee: No report.
11. **Student Relations Committee:** Senators Feinberg, Burns, Chooback and Schemm will elect a chair prior to the December meeting.
12. Student Retention Committee: No report.

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13. Academic affairs Council: No report.
14. Alumni Association Board of Directors: No report.
15. Appellate Committee on Distribution of Tenured Faculty: No report.
16. **Athletics Council:** President Barger reported that the council discussed general campus provisions at its last meeting. She also mentioned the highly publicized press conference held earlier in the week regarding the \$10 million donation to the Athletic Program from Paycom.
17. Budget Task Force: No report.
18. Committee on Student Conduct: No report.
19. Veteran Support Alliance: No report.
20. eLearning Advisory Team: No report.
21. Faculty Grievance Board: No report.



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22. Faculty Merit Credit Committee: No report.
23. CETTL Advisory Board: No report.
- 24. Faculty Technology Advisory Board:** Senator Gorrell reported that OIT was centralizing the file share system; new phone installation begins at 5:00 p.m. on December 15 and will be completed by 8:00 a.m. December 16; the faculty dashboard will be updated.
25. Graduate Council: No report.
26. On-Line Course Evaluation: No report.
27. Passport Committee: No report.
28. Research Advisory Council: No report.
- 29. SPIE Advisory Group:** Senator Verschelden passed out proposed SPIE revisions and said that the Provost wants the Faculty Senate to approve the instrument. However, the new instrument is problematic in part because it has redundancies asking students, to verify components of the syllabus which paid staff already do in each college. No vote was taken. Senator Maisch suggested that concerns with SPIE should be funneled through SAG.
30. Transportation and Parking Advisory Team: No report.
31. University Planning Council: No report.
32. Undergraduate Research Advisory Council: No report.
33. University Information Technology Project Prioritization: No report.
34. Veteran Support Alliance: No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- 35. Faculty Workload Action Team:** Senator Schemm reported that forums would be held in each college on faculty workload.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Status updates were requested regarding the following items:

- A. Request for Faculty Senate Action/Review of UCO's new Information Security Policy found at: <http://www.uco.edu/technology/files/policies/UCO-Security-Policy-sept-2007.pdf> (Information Resources Technology Committee – Senator Decter, Chair, or Personnel Policies Committee – Senator Feinberg, Chair)
- B. Request for Faculty Senate Action/Review of Defined Benefit Retirement Plan versus Defined Contribution Retirement Plan. (Personnel Policies Committee – Senator Feinberg, Chair)
- C. Request for Faculty Senate Action/Review of procedures for Joint Resolutions by Faculty Senate and Staff Senate. (CPP&E Committee – Senator Maisch, Chair)



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NEW BUSINESS

Senator Chappell asked if long-term adjunct faculty could retain access to the UCO email server upon retirement. This was forwarded to the Faculty Welfare Committee for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Senator DeMaio invited faculty to upcoming student performances.

ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary/Treasurer – Senator Elizabeth S. Overman