



**XLV FACULTY SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016
FORENSIC SCIENCE INSTITUTE AUDITORIUM ROOM 106**

CALL TO ORDER

President Barger Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present Senator Archuleta, Senator Atkins, Senator Barger Johnson, Senator Bhargava, Senator Bridges, Senator Burdina, Senator Burns, Senator Chappell, Senator Chooback, Senator Churchill, Senator DeLano, Senator DeMaio, Senator Feinberg, Senator Hickman, Senator Hossan, Senator Jiang, Senator Johnson, Senator Karpowicz, Senator Krishnan, Senator Lohmann, Senator Maisch, Senator Martinez-Sotelo, Senator Overman, Senator Pac, Senator Paynter, Senator Schemm, Senator Vanhoy, Senator Verschelden, Senator Xu, Senator Youngblood (30)

Members Absent Senator Dechter, Senator Gorrell, Senator Kyle, Senator Maxwell, Senator Platz, Senator Rollins (6)

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Staff Senator Liliana Renteria Mendoza, and Associate Vice-President/Registrar Adam Johnson were both recognized.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes for the November 11, 2015 meeting were approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT BARGER JOHNSON: The University Planning Council has been working to define student success as educational attainment, student achievement, and citizenship. UCO Administration is staying positive regarding the current Budget situation but recognizes the need to appropriately plan for assumed cuts which will be coming this Spring semester. Dr. Barger also attended the Provost's Advisory Committee. Dr. Barger attended the Faculty Handbook Editorial Board and has indicated that a proposal from that body will be forthcoming at the next meeting.



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VICE-PRESIDENT LINDSAY CHURCHILL: No report.

SECRETARY OVERMAN: All faculty are invited to the AAUP 2016 Annual State Conference meeting devoted to the role of faculty in working to sustain the economic underpinnings of their universities. The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 30 at from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 600 NW 13th Street in Oklahoma City. The title of the meeting is *Faculty as Citizen*.

REPORTER-HISTORIAN CHAPPELL: The Faculty Senate webpage is up and running. Dr. Chappell welcomes all feedback (bchappell@uco.edu).

PARLIAMENTARIAN MAISCH: No report, however, Senator Schemm, chair of the Faculty Welfare subcommittee reported that there will be university-wide open hearing on questions about faculty workload.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Please submit all committee reports be submitted in writing to jbarger4@uco.edu for posting to the entire group.)

FACULTY WELFARE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FACULTY WORKLOAD: Senator Schemm reported that there will be a university-wide open hearings on questions about faculty workload.

FACULTY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE: President Barger Johnson reported that she had been elected chair and that the committee will meet Friday at 1:00 p.m.

FACULTY WELFARE: Senator Maisch thanked Senator Feinberg (Assistant Vice President for Human Resources) and Lee Camargo-Quinn (Benefits Manager) for getting all of the faculty and staff enrolled in the new plans. The FWC met with the Vice President for Administration Chrusciel in 2015 to discuss the constancy of rising health care costs. Senator Maisch will submit a resolution to the faculty senate asking the administration to reanalyze health insurance rates and seek plans that compare favorably with those faculty are offered at OU and OSU. Senator Barger-Johnson pointed out that UCO is statutorily bound to the RUSO OKIE plan and that employees still have an opportunity to elect not to participate.

The FS also discussed the disparities in tuition reimbursement benefits for faculty between OU and UCO. It was suggested that the UCO administrative penchant to pursue a dollar for dollar match undermines the higher value to educate those seeking knowledge. It was suggested that the President and Provost are open to considering direct comparisons with other universities.

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: No report.
7. Faculty Welfare and Development Committee: No report.
8. Information Resources and Technology Committee: No report.
9. Personnel Policies Committee: No report.
10. Research Committee: No report.
11. Student Relations Committee: No report.
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: No report.
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.
22. Faculty Merit Credit Committee: No report.
23. CETTL Advisory Board: No report.
24. Faculty Technology Advisory Board: No report.
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: No report.
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: No report.

OLD BUSINESS



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It was decided that the information security policy needed to be revisited by the faculty senate. There were questions about whether there was enough support to carry out the policy and what would happen to faculty if a laptop holding “gray data” was lost or stolen. At the December meeting it was recounted that Vice President Rolfe said that IT had the capability of monitoring faculty, but they would not do so. However, as written, it is still enforceable and it was pondered that unless it is stated in writing that it would not be enforced, it could hypothetically be used in this capacity as a pretext to terminate anyone for a violation.

President Barger Johnson stated that she had a request from the Personnel Policies committee to invite Dean Hepner to discuss his retirement plan proposal to both faculty and staff. This plan would be presented to the FS at the next meeting.

Senator Churchill submitted a resolution calling for the UCO commemoration of “Indigenous Day” as opposed to continued recognition of “Columbus Day.” The resolution passed unanimously following a motion by Senator Overman which was seconded by Senator Verschelden.

Secretary Senator Overman left and Senator Maisch graciously continued to take minutes as follows:

Senator Verschelden asked whether Faculty Senate was prepared to endorse the SPIE Revision Survey presented by the SPIE Advisory Group. Several senators expressed concern about the SPIE generally, asking for additional time to provide input. Verschelden reported that she had not received any written feedback since the last Faculty Senate meeting when the issue was raised and warned that time may be running out to implement any changes for the Spring 2016 if the issue was not addressed soon. Verschelden once again encouraged senators to send written feedback as soon as possible. No formal action was taken on this matter.

Several senators asked whether the gun resolution submitted to Faculty Senate last year could be voted upon. After some discussion, Parliamentarian Maisch recommended that the gun resolution be resubmitted, if senators wish the Faculty Senate to reconsider the resolution. Senator Martinez Sotelo suggested that any new resolution specifically address concealed weapons. No formal action was taken on this matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

ADJOURN



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The meeting ended at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary/Treasurer – Senator Elizabeth S. Overman
With additions provided by Parliamentarian – Senator John Maisch