

*Minutes of the University of Central Oklahoma
50th Faculty Senate
Thursday, September 12, 2019
Communications Bldg. Room 120*

CALL TO ORDER:

President Barger Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00PM. A quorum was found to be present.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present (31):

CBA: President Barger Johnson, Senator Jog;

CEPS: Senator Barnett, Senator Beasley, Senator Benson, Senator Cassel, Senator J. Davis, Parliamentarian Sealey;

CFAD: Senator Bramlett, Senator Folsom, Senator Forbat, Vice President Geib, Senator Ladwig;

CLA: Senator Burns, Historian/Webmaster Goulding, Senator McCune, Senator Mock, Senator Nelson, Senator Squires, Senator Wood;

CMS: Senator Bentley, Senator Creecy, Senator Ellis, Senator Eitrheim, Senator Fister, Senator Waters;

Library/Advising: Senator K. Davis, Secretary/Treasurer Edwards;

Professional Administrators: Senator Banks, Senator Hynes, Senator Weidell

Members Absent (2):

CBA: Senator Osburn;

CMS: Senator Mattison

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Kristi Archuleta, Faculty Senate Past-President, and Lauren Bieri, Staff Senate Vice President.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- 1) Minutes for Meeting on May 9, 2019: Senator Beasley moved to approve. Senator Nelson seconded. Approved with no corrections or changes.
- 2) Minutes for Meeting on August 21, 2019: Senator Beasley moved to approve. Senator Wood seconded. Approved with no corrections or changes.

PRESIDENT BARGER JOHNSON'S REPORT:

Welcome to the 50th UCO Faculty Senate! We recognize that some of you are new and several of you are returning Faculty Senators. Our current body of Faculty Senators bring an array of interdisciplinary expertise, and experience leading across campus. It is those perspectives that each of you bring from your individual units that we respect and hear on Faculty Senate. Faculty Senate functions as a partner in the system of shared governance at UCO. We are positioned to initiate and create change that can affect our colleagues across campus. It is our responsibility to participate in this process which may take the form of discussions on the floor of the Faculty Senate, standing committee work and meetings, university-wide committees and task forces, and communication of issues with the colleagues you represent. The Executive Committee continues to work to do our best to create a structure that allows every voice to be heard and to continually

improve the channels of communication within and outside of the Faculty Senate to foster genuine representation and service to our colleagues across the UCO community. We would like to encourage each of you to take back the Faculty Senate Agendas and Minutes to your colleagues to keep them updated on what we are doing here. It is also important to note that we have 7 Senators who will be term-limited this year, and 14 more who will end their first term and hopefully seek re-election. Looking forward, we hope to encourage new and existing senators to emerge as leaders and step into those shoes as Faculty Senators are term-limited.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to leadership and service this year.

The work that our faculty is doing across campus is truly humbling. It is an honor to serve with each of you, and to represent you all in this capacity.

The Provost's Advisory Council (PAC) – met on July 24, 2019 and on August 27, 2019. In June, we were introduced to the Fullbright Iraqi Scholars by CMS Dean Wei Chen. The PAC was advised about the Annual Collegium on College Teaching Practice to be held on August 14, 2019 with Dr. David Daniel from James Madison University serving as Keynote Speaker. We were also reminded of the upcoming New Faculty Orientation on August 5-6, 2019. Dean Chen discussed a proposal for Online delivery of the RN to BS in Nursing track. In addition, he presented a proposal for three new majors: BS Computer Engineering, BS Engineering Physics-Flexible Engineering, and a BME in Biomechanics. Dr. Dwight Adams presented a new program proposal for an M.S. in Digital Forensics. CB Dean Monica Lam introduced proposals for two new majors: BBA Global Entrepreneurship, and MBA in Global Entrepreneurship. Also in this meeting CMS Dean Chen advised that the PhD in Applied Science has been presented to RUSO where it has garnered much support. The proposal is now under review by OSRHE. CLA Dean Webster announced the Liberal Arts South Wing Grand Opening on August 14, 2019. The Connected Campus Initiative is moving forward under the leadership of Dr. Bucky Dodd.

At our August meeting, the PAC received a proposal by the CB Dean Lam for a CB Business Honors Academy, which would replace the current 2B Leaders Program. CETTL Updates were provided by Dr. Jeff King. *The PAC meets next on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 9am.*

The **University Planning Council (UPC)** has not yet met during my term under the new leadership of UCO's new President Patti Neuhold-Ravikumar. *The UPC meets next on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 8am.* I am unable to attend that meeting due to an out of state engagement and conference, but Vice President Michael Geib will attend and represent us.

The **President's Faculty Advisory Council (PFAC)** met on Monday, September 9, 2019. This new council was commissioned by President Neuhold-Ravikumar this summer and is being organized by Faculty Senate Past-President Kristi Archuleta. Other members of this committee include Faculty Senate Past Presidents, Luis Montes (CMS), Jamie Mock (CLA), John Maisch (CB), along with Dr. Archuleta and me. We discussed a multitude of topics during our meeting. One of the things that came out of our meeting was the President's stance on inclusiveness across campus. She wants to make sure that a diversity of points of view are heard in all things. She also expressed a willingness to examine possibilities for collaborative course efforts including

team taught courses across disciplines. *Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 14, 2019 at 9am.*

The **Executive Committee** meets monthly with the President and Provost. We met for the first time on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. We had a lengthy discussion about the upcoming Faculty Senate Constitutional revision, salaries, banning guns on campus, and the lime scooters on campus. Our current leadership wants to continue its commitment as a Gun-Free Campus (which limited exceptions). We were asked to consider a proposal from Faculty Senate continuing to express our support for that stance. As for salaries, we discussed salary compression and the need for salary increases to the current CUPA rate. We received no firm date on when that would take place, but that if/when we were to receive an increased allocation from the state that would be one of many priorities. The CMS Representative on the Executive Committee Shawna Ellis did a very good job articulating the position of the Faculty Senate committee that has been examining this issue. *Our next meeting with this body is Tuesday, October 9, 2019 at 2pm.*

The Executive Committee also meets monthly with the Joint Senates of the Staff and Student Association for the **Joint Senates Luncheon**. We met for the first time this past Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 12:30pm. It was refreshing hearing that many of our initiatives line up for the year, and even more exciting hearing out dedicated our Student Counterparts are. They have already passed legislation and meet weekly rather than monthly. *Our next meeting of the Joint Senate is Tuesday, October 9, 2019 at 12:30pm.*

I also met with one-on-one with **Provost John Barthell** on Thursday, August 29, 2019. The Provost continues his commitment to faculty and throughout our discussions that commitment was apparent. *Our next scheduled meeting is Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 10am.*

Faculty Senate Executive Committee attended many of the Staff Senate meetings last year and would like to have someone designated to do so this year as well. If this interests you, let me know.

Faculty Handbook Editorial Board meetings will begin on September 19, 2019 and we did not meet throughout the summer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice President Geib: no report.

Secretary/Treasurer Edwards: If you need a Faculty Senator placard for your door or desk, please let her know. An order will be placed for placards to be available at the next meeting (if not before).

Historian/Webmaster Goulding: no report.

Parliamentarian Sealey: Reminder to follow parliamentary procedure and to speak nice and loud so everyone can clearly hear you and know who is speaking.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations extended from President Barger Johnson to those who received awards at the Fall Convocation.

VP Geib announced President's Concert tonight at 7:30 in Mitchell Hall.

ADJOURNMENT: President Barger Johnson requested a motion to adjourn. Senator Jog moved. Senator K. Davis seconded. Adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Edwards
Secretary/Treasurer
13 September 2019