



*Minutes of the University of Central Oklahoma
51st Faculty Senate
Thursday, 8 April 2021
Held virtually via Microsoft Teams*

CALL TO ORDER:

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

I. ROLL CALL – Secretary Ellis

Members Present (31):

CBA (4): Senator Arnold, President Barger Johnson, Vice-President Burdina, Senator Maisch;

CEPS (6): Correspondent Archuleta, Senator Beasley, Senator Cassel, Senator Jill Davis, Senator Evans, Senator Sealey;

CFAD (5): Parliamentarian Folsom, Senator Ladwig, Senator Moran, Senator Weidell, Senator Wynn;

CLA (7): Senator Burns, Senator Copley, Senator Goulding, Senator Green, Senator Maier, Senator Nelson;

CMS (5): Senator Bentley, Secretary Ellis, Senator Fister, Senator Jones, Senator Waters;

Library/Advising: Senator Kirsten Davis;

Prof. Adm: Senator Banks, Senator Jobe, and Senator Renteria-Mendoza

Members Absent (4): Senator Creecy, Senator Eitheim, Senator Kuschel, Senator Warehime

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS BY UCO FS PRESIDENT BARGER: Provost Charlotte Simmons, Jerry Legere (Emeritus Faculty), Shay Beezley (Mgr. Metadata & Cataloging), Elizabeth Jones (Director of Library and Technology Management), Nicole Willard (Assistant Executive Director Chambers Library), Habib Tabatabai (Executive Director Chambers Library), Stockton Duvall (UCO Public Affairs Specialist), Laura Butler (UCO Legislative Liaison), Heloisa Cursi Campos (CEPS), Jakey Dobbs (Staff Senate), Amanda Keese (UCO IT), Samantha Kramer (Director, UCO Student Advocacy)



- III. Special Presentation by Provost Charlotte Simmons:** Started by thanking the Faculty Senators for their service to the university. Of the 35 departments, the UCO President and Provost have visited 33. On April 20th a presentation will be given to the UCO President on the recommended \$4.2 million cuts that are proposed to be made to Academic Affairs. Final decisions regarding cuts will be made by Monday, April 19th. Dr. Jeremy Oller has been appointed as the Dean of the College of Business, after serving in an Interim capacity this past year. The remaining searches for the College of Fine Arts Design and the College of Math and Science will be announced soon. There have been changes to commencement, and I am happy to note that we are able to move the ceremony to the stadium, and the Faculty will be able to participate. Safety protocols will still be in place, and we will be trying to keep people apart. With regard to the Fall semester, the schedule does not include the extended sections as of now. We have rolled out the Bronco Blueprint with Forensic Science and look to include more sections going forward this Fall semester.
- IV. Special Presentation on ShareOK, UCO's Institutional Repository by UCO Chambers Library Administrators – Elizabeth Jones, Director of Library Technology and Data Management, Shay Beezley, Manager of Metadata & Cataloging, Nicole Willard, Assistant Executive Director of the Chambers Library, and Habib Tabatabai, Executive Director of the Chambers Library.** Shay Beesley and Beth Jones present ShareOK, the home for member institutions intellectual output, including things such as theses and dissertations, faculty publications, open education resources, institutional specific content, and other general materials. Any UCO affiliate may submit content. Your work is searchable by both Google and google scholar, with its own, permanent URL.
- V. Legislative Update by Stockton Duvall – UCO public affairs specialist**
The fall back provision for Oklahoma Promise that we discussed last month, has been withdrawn for now, so there is some good news. The House Bill 1888, that public bodies are not allowed to require gender and sexual diversity training, is a *zombie bill* that has come back to life, only through one committee so far, but we are hoping it will get pulled back, now is active as House bill 627. The third, House Bill 1775, would restrict broadly the types of trainings that are acceptable on campus, and would stifle free speech. So we are watching this fluid process.



VI. Approval of the minutes

February minutes: Senator Goulding moves, Senator Folsom seconds, minutes are approved

VII. Senate Executive Committee Reports:

Parliamentarians Folsom: Election reports

Correspondent Archuleta: Nothing to Report

Secretary Ellis: Nothing to Report

Vice President Burdina: Nothing to Report

President Barger's Report

As we near the end of the Spring semester, I want to express my gratitude for all of you and all you are doing to make UCO a great place to learn for students. COVID-19 cases continue to decline in Oklahoma, but we are still aware of the risks faced by those of you who are teaching in the Face-to-Face classrooms.

As the vaccination clinics across the state continue to administer the vaccines, we will hopefully see our most vulnerable populations protected. As of this week, 21.1% of the population of Oklahoma residents have been fully vaccinated. Vaccines are available for everyone now, so if you have not already please go and get vaccinated.

I want to continue to commend you all for bringing issues to the Faculty Senate as they arise so we can carry them forward to our administration. As budgets tighten, it is going to be more important than ever to make sure we are heard. While we may not always have every request granted, we will continue to make those requests known. Please trust that if you bring an issue to me or any member of the Faculty Senate, we will make sure it is heard.

The UCO COVID-19 ON-CALL TASK FORCE. This group met on March 25th to make a recommendation about returning to all in-person instruction without the virtual requirement.

THE COUNCIL FOR ONLINE LEARNING EXCELLENCE has asked for Faculty volunteers to represent UCO at the COLE Executive Leadership Summit on



April 30th. I have nominated **Senator Leeda Copley** (CLA) to join me at that Summit representing the UCO Faculty.

The **UCO FS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (FSEC)** continues to meet monthly with the UCO President and the UCO Provost. We have not met with the President and Provost since our last Faculty Senate meeting. *The next meeting of the UCO Executive Committee meeting with the President and Provost Team is scheduled for April 13th at 2pm.*

The UCO PROVOST'S ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC) MEETINGS, our last meeting on Wednesday, March 24th was canceled. *Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28th at 9am.*

The UCO UNIVERSITY PLANNING COUNCIL (UPC) MEETINGS was held on Monday, March 22nd at 9am. We did not have a set Agenda for this meeting. *Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19th at 9am.*

The UCO PRESIDENT'S FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL (PFAC) we met with the UCO President and discussed budget meetings and the campus's feelings about budget cuts. *Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 23rd at 3:30pm.*

My monthly meeting with the **UCO PROVOST CHARLOTTE SIMMONS** was Wednesday, March 31st at 12:30pm. We discussed a confidential classroom issue at length. *Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 22nd at 1pm.*

The UCO INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM has been meeting monthly since the beginning of the year. We last met on Wednesday, April 7th. At this meeting we discussed a tool which allows us to tell us at what reading level our webpages and other documents reads. It was a helpful tool that has a prime utility on our campus. *Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5th.*

FACULTY HANDBOOK EDITORIAL BOARD last met on *Thursday, March 25th.* We closed out the year with one last meeting to discuss administrative topics.

The UCO FACULTY CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION has completed its work and presented the same to this body. The Regents HAVE approved our UCO Faculty Senate Constitution.



UCO FACULTY SENATE ELECTIONS are complete. Parliamentarian Folsom has done a great job getting those completed. We have ***11 Newly-Elected Senators*** who will be starting their first terms. At least two of those have served on Faculty Senate before and will bring knowledge to the Faculty Senate that will help us move forward. We have ***3 more returning Senators*** who were re-elected this Spring semester. We have another 19 Senators who return (8 are Senators who will be term-limited in Spring of 2022, including me, and 11 other who will have their first term expire at that time, and will be eligible for re-election.

Please remember to send any reports you may have to our **FS SECRETARY SHAWNA ELLIS** for her inclusion in our minutes. Also please remember to send any Resolutions or Proposals your Standing Committees may produce to **FS VICE PRESIDENT MARIYA BURDINA**. Our UCO Faculty Senate webpage is now being maintained by our **FS CORRESPONDENT KRISTI ARCHULETA** and can be found at (<http://sites.uco.edu/central/faculty-senate/index.asp>). **FS PARLAMENTARIAN DAISY FOLSOM** is well into our election process and is doing an amazing job this year with help from Thomas Milligan of CMS who previously served in this role. Thirty-Four Faculty ran for fourteen different seats this year. That is an amazing turnout!

Thank you again for all of your hard work this year, and thank you for allowing me to represent you.

VIII. Senate Standing Committee Reports

Faculty Handbook/Academic Affairs Committee – Senator Goulding (Senator Folsom) nothing to report.

Faculty Welfare Committee – Senator Eitheim (Senator Jobe) nothing to report.

Personnel Policies/Adjunct Affairs Committee – Senator Ellis (Senator Archuleta) nothing to report.

Research, Information Resources & Technology Committee – Senator Ladwig (Senator K. Davis) Updates on Senate proposals below.

Student Relations, Alumni, & Community Service Committee – Senator Cassel (Senator Nelson) nothing to report.



IX. University-Wide Committee Reports:

- Alumni Association Board of Directors** – Senator Fister has nothing to report.
- Appellate Committee on Discipline** – Senator Burns (Senator Cassel) has nothing to report.
- Athletic Advisory Council** – Senator Nelson has nothing to report.
- Committee on Student Conduct** – Senator Kuschel has nothing to report.
- CUIT** – Senator Squires has nothing to report.
- eLearning Advisory Team** – Senator Ladwig has nothing to report.
- Faculty Handbook Editorial Board** – Senator Goulding (Senator Barger Johnson) work has ended for this semester.
- Faculty Merit Credit** – Senator J. Davis application period has started.
- Graduate Affairs Council** – Senator Creecy has nothing to report.
- Inclusive Community Response Team Advisory Council** – Senator Barger has nothing to report.
- Research Advisory Council** – Senator Waters reported out related to on-campus grants updates.
- SPIE Advisory Group** – Senator Maier has nothing to report.
- Transportation & Parking** – Senator Wynn has nothing to report.
- 21CPI Advisory Board** – Senator Green has nothing to report.
- Technology Faculty Advisory Board** – Senator K. Davis has nothing to report.
- UG Research Advisory Council** – No report.
- University Council on Diversity** – Senator Renteria-Mendoza has nothing to report.
- UCO Faculty Grievance Board** – Senator Sealey (Senator Moran) has nothing to report.

X. New Business

A. FSR 2020-2021-04 Resolution in Support of All Ethnicities

First reading – will come up for vote next month

B. FSR 2020-2021-005 Classroom Delivery Options

First reading – will come up for vote next month

C. FSP 2020-2021-003 Faculty Handbook Revisions vested in the



Faculty Senate only

First reading – will come up for vote next month

- D. Discussion: Should the Faculty Senate Request to have a designated Representative on the UCO Cabinet?**

XI. Old Business

- A.** Assignments for Personnel Policies Committee
Issue: Faculty CUPA/AACSB/AACN Salary Data and Salary Adjustments
Issue: Responsiveness of Staff and Administration to Students/Faculty/Administration
- B.** Assignments for Faculty Handbook/Academic Affairs Committee
Issue: Faculty Senate Covid-19 Task Force Q/A Action Items
Issue: FSP 2020-2021-02 Faculty Handbook 4.3.6 Leave of Absence
Senator Goulding calls for a vote. Senator Folsom seconds.
Proposal passes unanimously.
- C.** Assignment for Faculty Welfare Committee
Issue: Health Concerns Related to Remote Teaching
- D.** Assignment for Research, Information Resources, and Technology Committee
Issue: Pedagogical Concerns about the F2F/Extended Classroom Environment; and Technological Resources and Training related to Fully F2F Teaching in the Extended format.
Issue: FSP 2020-2021-01 Impact Statement
Senator Archuleta calls for a vote. Senator Fister seconds.
Proposal passes unanimously.
- E.** Assignment for Student Relations, Alumni & Community Service Committee
Issue: Faculty have questions related to Covid-19 Notification Issues/Accuracy/Safety/Rights on campus.



XII. Announcements for the Good of the Order

Call for Graduation volunteers.

Call for candidates for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

XIII. Adjournment 3:25pm

Motion to adjourn – Senator Maier, Second – Parliamentarian Goulding

Adjourned at 3:25pm

Respectfully Submitted by **Secretary Shawna Ellis**, on 27 April 2021