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Regular Meeting Minutes of the OUHSC Faculty Senate**

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Deborah Booten-Hiser	Jean Goodman	Deborah Lockwood
Kari Boyce	Vesper Grantham	Laura McGuinn
Pramod Chetty	Kevin Haney	Julie Parke
Kim Coon	Karl Hansen	Larry Regens
Vicki Coury	Peter Johnson	Winter Smith
Sheila Crow	Satish Kumar	Julie Stoner
Carol Dionne	Betty Kopperschmidt	Steve Walston
Deborah Espen	Frank Lawler	
Colin Foster	Renee Leasure	

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS ABSENT

Al Al-Assaf	Mary Hudson	Abbey Onan
Stacy Anderson	Robert John	Lida Radfar
Elena Cuaderes	David Lewis	Patsy Smith
Kevin Farmer	Voncella McCleary-Jones	Douglas Stewart
Donald Harrison	W. Mike McShan	

EX-OFFICIOS AND GUESTS PRESENT

Provost Joseph Ferretti	Lynn Mitchell	Cheryl Williams
Dean Gandy	Doug Myers	
Danny Hilliard	Kevin Rudeen	

- I. GUEST SPEAKER** – Dr. Larry Regens, Chair, began the meeting at 5:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone attending. He introduced Rep. Doug Cox, Chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health at the Oklahoma House of Representatives. Dr. Cox stated that he is beginning his third term in the House and practices medicine in Grove. He reviewed the state agencies that are within the scope of his subcommittee as well as the current budgetary climate of the State. With the downturn in the economy and the projected shortfall of state revenues, state agencies could see a decrease in funding. He reviewed the Medicare premiums, as well as Part D for Medicare (prescription drugs) which are anticipated to be about \$700 million less.

He addressed several options to deal with anticipated funding shortfalls, which may include reducing the number of Oklahomans served, decreasing the level of service, cutting reimbursement rate for specific services, and/or increasing taxes. The Medicaid Reform Act was passed during the last session which made payments for services to the poor, aged, disabled and blind equal to or greater than the Medicare reimbursement rate. Some of the methods included in this legislation might help to reduce the level of charity care by allied health professionals and efforts to decrease the number of Oklahomans without insurance. One area that he was successful in including in the Medicaid Reform Act is to cover children are in school, including those individuals over the age of 18 attending college. He discussed the Insure Oklahoma program which subsidizes employers who provide health

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insurance. Other areas of making insurance affordable to purchase were also reviewed. He identified specific things that an individual could do to impact the healthcare legislation at the State Capitol. Dr. Cox then answered questions from those attending about specific issues and legislative opportunities.

- II. CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Larry Regens, Chair, after Dr. Cox's presentation. A quorum was in attendance.
- III. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2008 MINUTES** - A motion was made by Kari Boyce to approve the minutes as printed. Motion was seconded by Jean Goodman and motion passed.
- IV. PARKING REPORT** – Doug Myers, Assistant Director of Parking & Transportation, provided an update on the current projects and repairs on campus, including the repairs to the 5-story Stonewall parking garage. Assessment on additional repairs will be received in the next few weeks. A request for contractors at construction sites to be careful on windy days with spray was mentioned. He will relay this to the appropriate contractors.
- V. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** - Dr. Regens stated that the Executive Committee had met with Dr. Ferretti prior to the Faculty Senate meeting. The following items were discussed:
 - A.** Dr. Ferretti reported that the revenue estimates from earlier in the year appear to be smaller losses than anticipated. The State Equalization Board will meet in February and, if the revenue projects remain stable, funds may be available to meet some needs.
 - B.** The College of Allied Health Building is behind schedule for completion.
- VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - A. Academic Programs Committee** – printed report was available for review.
 - B. Employee Benefits Committee** – printed report was available for review.
 - C. Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC)** – Minutes from the previous two meetings were provided. Kari Boyce reported on the most recent meeting:
 - i. VPN has been delayed with the disconnection from Cisco delayed until 2-2-09. SSL-VPN is more stable (see printed report). If anyone has problems with this system, they should contact the Help Desk at 271-2203
 - ii. Training on the video stream capabilities will be held in the College of Allied Health in the next few weeks. Privileges for some technology programs and drive maps are dependent on your college, so faculty members wishing to participate in these training sessions need to be sure they have the necessary privileges.
 - iii. ITAC members will be communicating with their colleagues on issues in order to resolve problems and concerns. IT is routinely sharing information with the groups and will continue to improve communications with the faculty. Meetings of the committee are collaborative and productive.

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- iv. Secure emails with patients located off-campus – faculty should contact Kari Boyce so that she can direct you to the appropriate person on campus.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

- A. Billing Issues – the Provost has requested that physicians who are losing patients should go directly to the OU Medical Center with your concerns. If physicians and staff are concerned with the billing by the hospital, they should report those concerns to the hospital management. Discussion was held on possible solutions.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Green Initiatives – OSU has introduced ways of reducing power usage by requesting that all computers and lights be turned off when not in use. Our IT requests that computers are left on so that updates can be installed during off-hours. Kari Boyce will request information from IT on possible ways to save on utility costs, such as OSU has done.
 - i. Faculty Senate will discuss Green Initiatives on the HSC campus at the February meeting of the Faculty Senate. Ideas on how to “go green” on campus should be brought for discussion and possible submission to the administration.
- B. Item to add to the February Agenda: Discussion on Media Release Forms, Copyright and Intellectual Property as it relates to lectures and videostreamed content; wording in the new Faculty Handbook regarding copyright and the limited application of “work for hire” as it applies to faculty and university copyright.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next meeting of Faculty Senate will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. in the Provost Conference Room. There will be no speaker so that discussion can be held on various projects, concerns, and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McGuinn
Secretary, 2008-09

Handouts:

January 2009 Agenda
November 2008 Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Academic Programs Committee (printed)
Employee Benefits Committee Minutes (printed)
ITAC Notes (December 2008 – printed with ITAC projects and handouts)