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Regular Meeting Minutes of the Faculty Senate**

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Stacy Anderson	Emma Kientz	Milton Olsen
Nancy Chu	Satish Kumar	Anne Pereira
Susan Gilmore	Frank Lawler	Su Phipps
Michael Gold	Renee Leasure	Lourdes Planas
Kevin Haney	Laura McGuinn	Nathan Shankar
Joy Hasebe	Michael McShan	

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS ABSENT

A.F. Al-Assaf	Susan Ellerbee	Larry Regens
Mark Anderson	Winter Gibbs	E. Michael Smith
Jo Azzarello	Andy Goldbeck	David Staats
Steve Blevins	Holly Hoffman-Roberts	Douglas Stewart
Jane Bowers	Linda Machado	Eleni Tolma
Vicki Coury	Phillip McHale	Jani Van Grevenhof
Frans Currier	Marilee Obritsch	Steven Walston
Carol Dionne	Jennifer Peck	

EX-OFFICIOS AND GUESTS PRESENT

Sakher Abdullah	Anne Kasus-Jacobi	Cheryl Ottman
Shri Anant	Misty Kemp	Satish Ramalingam
Karen Beckman	Deborah Lockwood	Kathy Walker
Brian Burrough	Nighat Mehdi	Kenneth Wegner
Elena Cuaderes	Jennifer Nelson	Lily Wong

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Satish Kumar, at 5:08 p.m.

II. GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Michael Anderson, President, Presbyterian Health Foundation

Dr. Anderson presented a lecture entitled "God and Science," a look at scientific research and the role of faith in science. His presentation was videotaped and can viewed on the web at this location (Windows Media player and a high speed internet connection is required):

mms://TVS-MEDIA.OUHSC.EDU/FSenate_022207/FacSenate_022207.wmv

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2006 MINUTES & JANUARY 2007 INFORMAL NOTES

The October 2006 Minutes and the January 2007 Informal Notes were approved as circulated.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Kumar reported that the Executive Committee met with Dr. Ferretti prior to the Faculty Senate meeting and he had a few announcements to share. Plans for the new Cancer Institute are moving along fine; the committee appointed to review healthcare benefits will be chaired by Dean Andrews; and early projections of the 2008 budget from the State show that there will not be as much funding this year.

Dr. Kumar announced that the Healthcare Debate has been scheduled for April 13, 2007, at 1:30 p.m. in the College of Health Building Auditorium. There will be four speakers and the debate will be moderated by Dr. Peter Budetti, who was a central member of the Clinton Healthcare Plan. This event will showcase the Health Sciences Center to the community and participation is needed. Dr. Kumar asked all Senators to encourage their colleagues to attend.

Dr. Kumar announced that the Spring Faculty Awards will be held on Monday, April 23, 2007, at 5:15 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. The awards presentation will be followed by a Re-dedication of the HSC Library by President Boren. A reception will follow in the Library lobby.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Committee on Committees

Dr. Kevin Haney presented the February Committee on Committees report; it was approved as presented. (See report below).

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL POSITIONS

Faculty Senate Standing & Ad Hoc Committees:

<u>Committee/Council</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Term</u>
Faculty Compensation	Anne Pereria	2006-09	Medicine	Zahid Ahmad	2006-09
	Winter Gibbs	2006-09	Pharmacy	Kevin Farmer	2003-06
	Vicki Coury	2006-09	Dentistry	C.Lynn Montgomery	2006-09

HSC Committees:

<u>Committee/Council</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Term</u>
Shared Leave	Anne Owen	2007-09	Allied	Willis Owen	2004-06
		Jan-Dec	Health		Jan-Dec

COLLEGE ELECTION RESULTS

<u>College</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Term</u>
Graduate	Frans Currier	Alternate	2006-07	Anne Pereria	2005-06

CURRENT VACANCIES (Direct Nominations to the Committee on Committees)

<u>Committee/Council</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Term</u>
Faculty Appeals Board	VACANT	2006-10	Public Hlth	Daniel Boatright	2006-10

B. Employee Benefits Committee

Dr. Milton Olsen reviewed the minutes from the Employee Benefits Committee's January 2007 minutes. He reported that the EBC approved the representative from the OU Retirees as a voting member of the EBC. Dr. Olsen gave an update on the Health Care Panel; the panel has been appointed by President Boren and its members include Dewayne Andrews, Dean (HSC, COM), who will serve as chair; Robert Dauffenback, Associate Dean (Norman); Gary Raskob, Dean (HSC, CPH); Ken Rowe, Vice President for Administrative Affairs (HSC); Nick Hathaway, Vice President for Administrative Affairs (Norman); and Julius Hilburn, Director of HR (Norman/HSC). The panel had its initial meeting and expects that the group will select additional members to constitute an advisory subcommittee. The panel will conduct a short-term review and also develop a long-term perspective for health care issues. Anyone with suggested names for the subcommittee is welcome to contact Mr. Hilburn or any other members of the panel. Dr. Olsen reported that meetings continue between attorneys for OU, OSU, OTRS, and the IRS on the OTRS opt-out choice. Once the IRS makes its final ruling, it will be communicated to all employees. This issue has been pending for three years. He also reported that effective July 1, 2007, salary caps will come off for all affected employees hired before July 1, 1995. The HR Office has sent out letters to all affected employees. Dr. Olsen reported that Aetna and McBride Clinic negotiations for contract are still under review, but should be resolved shortly.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The April 19th regular Faculty Senate meeting has been cancelled.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Shankar,
Secretary

Handouts:

February 2007 Agenda

October 2006 Meeting Minutes (Draft)

January 2007 Meeting Informal Notes (Draft)

February 2007 Committee on Committees Report

EBC January 2007 Minutes

Shared Leave Committee Annual Report