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Regular Meeting Minutes of the Faculty Senate**

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Stacy Anderson	Vesper Grantham	Teodora Nicolescu
Steve Blevins	Kevin Haney	Milton Olsen
Vicki Coury	Thubi Kolobe	Julie Parke
Elena Cuaderas	Satish Kumar	E. Michael Smith
Carol Dionne	Frank Lawler	Winter Gibbs Smith
Colin Foster	Mary Ann McClellan	Douglas Stewart
Michael Gold	Laura McGuinn	

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS ABSENT

A.F. Al-Assaf	Tom Hall	Marilee Obritsch
Mark Anderson	Peter Johnson	Lourdes Planas
Jo Azzarello	Emma Kientz	Lida Radfar
Frank Boutsen	Renee Leasure	Larry Regens
Jack Conway	David Lewis	Steve Walston

EX-OFFICIOS AND GUESTS PRESENT

M. Dewayne Andrews	Ann Howell	Kathy Walker
Autumn Brinegar	Deborah Lockwood	Francene Weatherby
Victoria Christofi	Heather Markgraf	Kenneth Wegner
Alberto J. de Armendi	Anne Pereira	Cheryl Williams
Provost Joseph Ferretti	P. Kevin Rudeen	
Julius Hilburn	Clinton Thompson	

I. GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. M. Dewayne Andrews, Chair of the OU Contribution Strategy and Health Insurance Options Committee was welcomed by Dr. Kevin Haney, Faculty Senate Chair. Dr. Andrews presented a report which reviewed the work and membership of this committee. He also presented possible recommendations that will be sent to President David Boren and the Board of Regents for consideration at their September 2007 meeting. Meeting was opened for questions with Dr. Andrews and Julius Hilburn, Director of Human Resources, providing answers. The committee will continue to receive comments sent via email for consideration at their August 17 and August 31 meetings.

Dr. Victoria Christofi, Director of Student Counseling Services, presented a report on the upcoming Sexual Assault Awareness week (Sept. 4 – 7). She encouraged the faculty to participate in the activities planned for the week which will conclude with a Take Back the Night silent walk on campus.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kevin Haney, Chair at 6:00 p.m. He thanked Cheryl Williams for updating the Faculty Senate website and putting together the folders for the members.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Haney reported that the Executive Committee may develop a Faculty Senate brochure that could be provided to new faculty to the campus. Speakers for future Faculty Senate meetings may include: Dr. Ferretti, Provost; Catherine Bishop, Vice President for Public Affairs; Dr. John Bell, OU Regent; and Dr. Glen Johnson, Chancellor. He also reported on the possible addition of a hotel facility in this area.

IV. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2007 MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the June 2007 Minutes as circulated. Motion passed

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Committees: Motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) minutes were reviewed by Dr. Haney. This committee is reviewing the IT technology purchase review process. Dr. Robert Wild, Chair of ITAC, will be invited to attend the next meeting and report on the committee's efforts.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Haney reviewed the Attendance Policy of the Faculty Senate which provides that a member can only have 2 unexcused absences. He asked that if a member finds they cannot attend a meeting that they notify the other members from their College, including the Alternate(s). They can also notify the Faculty Senate office and Cheryl will forward the notification to the Executive Committee and College members.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Blevins
Secretary

Handouts:
August 2007 Agenda
June 2007 Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Committee on Committees Report