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Regular Meeting Minutes of the OUHSC Faculty Senate

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Stacy Anderson	Jean Goodman	Laura McGuinn
Steve Blevins	Kevin Haney	Milton Olsen
Deborah Booton-Hiser	Peter Johnson	Larry Regens
Vicki Coury	Thubi Kolobe	E. Michael Smith
Elena Cuaderes	Satish Kumar	Winter Smith
Colin Foster	Frank Lawler	
Michael Gold	Renee Leasure	

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS ABSENT

A.F. Al-Assaf	Vesper Grantham	Julie Parke
Mark Anderson	Emma Kientz	Lourdes Planas
Jo Azzarello	David Lewis	Lida Radfar
Frank Boutsen	Mary Ann McClellan	Douglas Stewart
Jack Conway	Teodora Nicolescu	Steve Walston
Carol Dionne	Marilee Obritsch	

EX-OFFICIOS AND GUESTS PRESENT

Deborah Lockwood	Nathan Shankar	Cheryl Williams
Doug Myers	Kathy Walker	
Glen Johnson	Frank Waxman	

GUEST SPEAKER – *Glen Johnson, Chancellor, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.* Dr. Haney introduced Chancellor Johnson. “Competing in our Second Century” the 2008 Legislative Agenda for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education was distributed. He gave a brief history of his time as Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives as well as his service on the HSC campus prior to becoming the President of Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. He became Chancellor in January 2007.

Chancellor Johnson described his efforts to improve the process with the Legislature through meetings on the various campuses within the State as well as a dialogue with the stakeholders of Higher Education. His focus has been on competing within a global economy and world, including education. He related the correlation between the State’s economy and the number of citizens with higher education degrees. He also discussed the Oklahoma Promise scholarship program for high school students who make a specific grade point and stay out of trouble.

The goals for this year’s legislative agenda are to honor the endowed chair commitment and to increase endowed chairs by 50 on the HSC campus if requests are fully funded by the legislature. Priorities were specified for the endowed chair matching funds which he helped to usher through the legislature (\$94.6 million unmatched at this time - \$30.3 million on the

Norman campus; \$40 million on the HSC campus). There are currently 117 chairs at HSC without matching funds. Another priority is the EDGE endowment, a priority for funding in order to make HSC a top research center in the nation.

He then discussed the current bill at the legislature that would allow guns on campus and his efforts to prevent this legislation from being implemented. He has chaired the Campus Security Task Force which includes early notification, rapid response and training for mental health personnel. They are holding a Task Force meeting, along with a press conference, next week at the Capitol which includes their opposition to this legislation.

Chancellor Johnson closed his remarks with his perspective of the current economic forecast along with potential funding sources to meet the State Regents for Higher Education legislative agenda.

A question and answer session was held with various questions raised and answered. Dr. Haney thanked the Chancellor for coming to speak to the Faculty Senate.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kevin Haney, Chair, at 5:55 p.m. with a quorum present.

II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2008 MINUTES

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Haney reported that he had received a copy of the Norman Faculty Senate's resolution regarding HB 2513 (bill to allow guns to be carried on campus). Discussion was held on development of a resolution from the HSC Faculty Senate. Dr. Gold made a motion and Dr. Olsen seconded the motion to send a resolution to President Boren and Provost Ferretti containing the following language:

"As healthcare providers on the HSC campus, we are particularly sensitive and aware of the physical and mental trauma that resulting consequences associated with incidences of school violence; and we deal with victims of violence; and we are role models for our students and do not believe there is a place for guns on campus."

Motion passed. Kathy Walker and Cheryl Williams will put together the resolution and send it to Dr. Haney for refinement.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Academic Programs Council:** Printed minutes from their last meeting were provided.
- B. **Employee's Benefit Committee:** (Due to time constraints, Dr. Olsen provided an update on the process for the RFP prior to Chancellor Johnson's presentation.) The EBC is evaluating the proposals that have been received for the Health, Dental and Flexible Spending Accounts. They are verifying vendor input, clarifying questions

with answers due next week. The staff has been developing the prices on a table that defines the vendors networks, services as well as wellness programs. The EBC is also considering amending the Bylaws of the EBC relating to appointee from the Tulsa campus.

C. Parking Committee Report: Parking Update – *Doug Meyers*

- a. The University has signed a letter of agreement to purchase the Center for Healthy Living with closing scheduled for March 31st. As of April 1, 2008, anyone parking in that lot will be required to display current parking permits. Plans include moving contractors from that lot to either a gravel lot across 8th street or at the Presbyterian Health Foundation parking garage. There are approximately 170 contractors with FlintCo currently parking in CHL. In discussions with Republic Parking, the Dean McGee parking garage is scheduled to be completed at the end of March, allowing their 175 employees to move out of the Center for Health Living parking lot. Parking will continue to be a challenge at CHL once the new Ambulatory Surgery Center construction begins which will result in 200 fewer parking spaces.
- b. The rehabilitation repairs at the Williams Pavilion Parking Garage are continuing on schedule. The contractors received the stairwell treads the week of February 18th and have been installing them. Deck coating will start April 1st, and will progress, if the weather cooperates. The coating needs warm temperatures and dry weather to cure correctly. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of April.
- c. There are approximately 80 pre-cast concrete guardrails on the 2nd and 3rd levels of the Williams Pavilion Parking Garage similar to the two guardrails that failed in August 2006 and September 2007. A scope of services proposal has been received from Zahl-Ford, Structural Investigators & Consultants to perform a systematic evaluation of the guardrails on the 2nd and 3rd levels of the garage and provide details to repair/strengthen the guardrail connections. The structural engineering fee is approximately \$75,000.00 and will go to out for bid and will require the Regents' approval.
- d. The Hospital Authority has agreed to host a monthly meeting with the Authority, Republic Parking, and OUHSC Parking & Transportation to discuss the many parking challenges on the Oklahoma Health Center Campus. Upcoming construction will include the old Children's Hospital three towers, Nicholson, Bielstein and Garrison, and will directly impact parking on the east side of campus.
- e. OU Medical Center recently completed a study on the structural damages in the Presbyterian Parking Garage. When repairs are done, their employees will be moved out of the garage, similar to what occurred during the WP Parking Garage rehabilitation.

- f. OUHSC Parking continues to work with Federal APD on the Final Acceptance Test of the parking garage entry system. They have been working on the software issues since December and this week installed another patch to try and fix the problems. Unfortunately, the problems increased, which is the reason the gates have been open so often. Federal APD has a dedicated team who are working to meet the specifications in the contract. A meeting is scheduled to discuss the open items and their progress.
- g. Parking Control Assistants completed a space survey on the usage of the reserved parking spaces. At 10 am, there were a total of 145 empty reserved parking spaces in the Williams Pavilion Parking Garage, and 73 empty reserved parking spaces in the Children's Parking Garage. Each month, the Parking office will report the available parking spaces in the parking structures. As discussed previously, individually reserved spaces, while desired by many, are an inefficient use of a scarce parking resource on campus.

D. Information Technology Access Committee – Dr. Leasure reviewed the minutes from the last meeting of ITAC which met to review multi-campus library access. A faculty member teaching or working on other campuses can get user accounts through the department hosting/sponsoring them in order to gain access to library materials from the Library on that campus. A faculty member without a hosting department should contact the Library for assistance. Marty Thompson has offered to present information to the Faculty Senate regarding this issue. He could present this information to the different colleges so that he can answer questions specific to their materials. Quarterly updates from the Library will be sent to the faculty.

- a. **IT Helpdesk** – It is recommended that if a faculty member needs assistance with their user ID and passwords they should go to the Library for access until the bugs are worked out.
- b. **Bridging both campuses** – Becki Trepagnier and Dennis Aebersole are working to find additional solutions to the problems.

E. Research Award Council – Dr. Haney gave a report from Dr. Al-Assaf about the research award. They have received nominations for 2 equally qualified faculty members. It has been suggested that a new award be developed, “Translational Research Award” which would carry the same weight and funds as the George Lynn Cross Award. The Research Council will continue to work on this issue and discuss it further with the Provost.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Robert Kennedy, Jr., event, April 18th at 1:30 pm in the College of Health Auditorium** – Dr. Blevins reported they had received reservations from 200 people to attend the event, so far. Andrea Parker is organizing the students who are interested in attending the event. Dr. Blevins requested volunteers to assist in several specific

areas during the day of the event. The event is open to the public and RSVPs are required. President Boren will be in attendance.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Faculty Awards Presentations will be held on Monday, April 28th at 5:15 p.m. in the BSEB East Lecture Hall. President Boren will be in attendance.

Campus Facts and 2008 Community Impact Report were distributed.

The April 17th meeting of Faculty Senate is cancelled due to the April 18th and April 28th special events.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008. Dr. James Pappas, Vice President for Outreach and Dean of the College of Liberal Studies, will be the guest speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Blevins
Secretary

Handouts:

March 2008 Agenda
February 2008 Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Academic Programs Council Minutes
Employee Benefits Council, February 2008 minutes