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Regular Meeting Notes of the OUHSC Faculty Senate

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Deborah Booton-Hiser	Peter Johnson	Milton Olsen
Elena Cuaderes	Emma Kientz	Winter Gibbs Smith
Colin Foster	Renee Leasure	Douglas Stewart
Michael Gold	Mary Ann McClellan	
Kevin Haney	Laura McGuinn	

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS ABSENT

A.F. Al-Assaf	Carol Dionne	Teodora Nicolescu
Mark Anderson	Jean Goodman	Marilee Obritsch
Stacy Anderson	Vesper Grantham	Julie Parke
Jo Azzarello	Tom Hall	Lourdes Planas
Steve Blevins	Thubi Kolobe	Lida Radfar
Frank Boutsen	Satish Kumar	Larry Regens
Jack Conway	Frank Lawler	E. Michael Smith
Vicki Coury	David Lewis	Steve Walston

EX-OFFICIOS AND GUESTS PRESENT

Lisa Asch	Melinda Howard	Cheryl Williams
Pramod Chetty	Kathy Walker	

GUEST SPEAKER – *Dr. James Pappas, Vice President for Outreach and Dean of the College of Liberal Studies.* Dr. Haney introduced Dr. Pappas who presented an overview of the College of Continuing Education and College of Liberal Studies, including historical events surrounding the establishment of “the extension division” and the Kellogg Foundation’s establishment of the Kellogg Center for Continuing Education, one of ten such centers in the nation. He stated that public service is an important piece of the University’s mission, especially on the Norman campus. The College of Liberal Studies was re-established in the 1960’s to provide services to adults who could not attend classes during the regular daytime hours.

The Outreach programs for OU provide more than 3 million training contact hours for over 30 program units and offers credit programs to over 55,000 enrollments. They hold more than 600 conferences nationally each year and many are held in Oklahoma. Other cooperative programs are held in collaboration with the other Kellogg centers.

Training and development programs include the US Postal Service, FAA Air Traffic Controller training, Air Force Logistic Bases Lean Management Institute through Tinker Air Force Base, Reading First with the Department of Education, and Workforce Oklahoma. Lifelong learning opportunities include 6 master degree programs and 1 PhD program provided on 31 bases across the world, the College of Liberal Studies (adult degree college),

Center for Independent and Distance Learning (virtual high school, previously known as correspondence studies), Aviation degree and Charter, Algeria Petroleum Engineering and Economic Development Institute.

Public Service Programs provided through 5 state grants to Oklahoma and surrounding states include literacy grants, substance abuse programs, disabilities services center and the National Center for Runaway Youth and Foster Care (Tulsa).

Dr. Pappas also discussed the involvement for the Faculty on the Norman campus in outreach programs, including teaching advanced programs in Hong Kong, providing instruction through the Tinker Lean Management Institute, teaching summer courses in Santa Fe, as well as a partnership with Electrical Engineering for the FAA. Additionally, faculty submitted a Iraq Nation Building proposal, directed a book club for the Senior Adult services, engaged in cooperative applied research for an early childhood literacy grant, as well as serving on the executive committee for the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity. Another opportunity for faculty has been helping the Macedonian Supreme Court in the development of that nation's civil code.

Recent collaborations with HSC were participation in the Leader to Leader conference held with tribal leaders and the legislature regarding diabetes issues. A proposal for SoonerCare Health Management program, logistical support for the Diabetes Update Conference, observership with PetroChina physicians, as well as providing Norman campus elective courses at HSC have been other areas of partnership. Dr. Pappas also described several possible collaborations with HSC that would enhance various courses and opportunities to the HSC students and faculty.

Finally, Dr. Pappas provided a list of considerations when their office reviews a potential program. He said they recognize that a program takes 3 years to be successful and that it takes time to work things out.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kevin Haney, Chair, at 5:35 p.m. Dr. Haney noted that we did not have a quorum present due to several colleges holding faculty meetings that conflicted with tonight's meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2008 MINUTES

With no quorum, these will be held over to the June 2008 meeting for review and approval.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Haney reported that the event with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. went very well with a packed house. Everyone seemed to appreciate his presentation. The President has indicated his willingness to help with this type of an event each year on the HSC campus. Unfortunately,

there is no video tape of this event for those who could not attend due to the speakers' bureau contract. He also reported that the Spring Faculty Awards Presentation was well attended. Dr. Ferretti and the Executive Committee discussed the budget for FY09. This year's budget is "flat" but in reality is a 3% decrease when inflation and increased operating costs are taken into consideration.

Dr. Gold reported that Dr. Hal Scofield, Assistant Dean for Research with the College of Medicine, is working with GCRC on the CTSA. They will be working on multi-disciplinary efforts on campus to utilize all of the research facilities across campus.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Academic Programs Council:** Printed minutes from their last meeting were provided.
- Employee's Benefit Committee:** Dr. Olsen reported that the EBC held a short meeting today. Responses from the vendors submitting bids for the Employee Health Benefits have been received. They are close to the end of the review, evaluation and negotiation process for the RFP. The resolution from the Faculty Senate (HSC) to include providers on the HSC campuses as in-network providers has been very beneficial. The committee is on track to take their recommendation to the Board of Regents at their June meeting.

Dr. Olsen is retiring May 31st and Dr. Haney thanked him for his continued efforts on this committee. He expressed the sincere gratitude of the Faculty Senate in keeping the Faculty Senate apprised of the committee's work. The group gave Dr. Olsen a standing ovation for his efforts.

B. Parking Committee Report: Parking Update – *In the absence of Doug Meyers, a written report was read by Dr. Haney.*

- a. The University Health Authority met recently to discuss upcoming projects that will have an effect on parking here at the Oklahoma Health Center. They include the continued renovation and remodeling of Nicholson, Bielstein and Garrison towers. Construction on the Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) will not begin until July. Parking surrounding the old Center for Healthy Living building is being monitored and enforced. Contractors are parking at the Research Park and providing transportation to and from the various work sites. Dean McGee Eye Institute has moved most of their employees into their new parking garage. The Authority has plans to move the OU Physicians Administrative Offices to the 3rd floor of Nicholson tower in May. They are also considering renovating the 4th floor of Nicholson into additional rooms for overnight stays. The VA has indicated they would like rooms for their patients and families to spend the night. Currently these families are in the Whittman Inn for \$35 a night. If the Authority is able to provide the rooms the overhead walk could be used instead of the shuttle service. A day care may begin using the 20,000 square foot area off the Jimmy Everest playground area.

- b. The final phase of the rehabilitation project in the Williams Pavilion Parking Garage is nearing completion. Even with the weather delays and change orders, the contractors are expected to be finished by May 20th.
- 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. Last month another guardrail failed but did not fall like the other two. Zahl-Ford, Structural Investigators & Consultants are developing the structural details to fix the guardrails with Restek making the repairs. A scope of services proposal from Zahl-Ford has been received to perform a systematic evaluation of the guardrails and to provide details for the repair and/or strengthening of the guardrail connections. The structural engineering fee is approximately \$75,000. Due to the scope of this repair, bids will be required before requesting approval from the Regents.
- d. The old 5-story parking garage on Stonewall will have repairs completed on the top level this summer. Rehabilitation on this garage was done about six years ago and the base coat is still in very good condition. If the repairs are completed this summer, including a new top coat over the existing material, it will provide many additional years of service.
- e. Construction of the College of Allied Health Building is ongoing with final planning for the construction of the front sidewalk and drives. This work will potentially be done in September, but Mr. Myers has requested that the work be completed prior to school starting in August.
- f. Three new Gilley buses were ordered last December to start replacing the fleet of shuttles and buses operating on the campus. The new buses are scheduled to arrive in December 2008. The purchase of two new para-transit vans will be finalized by the end of this year with one additional van purchased next year. These vans have a seating capacity of 14 with 2 wheel chairs accessibility. Ridership on the HSC shuttles has increased 21% over the past year.
- g. The Norman CART System operates the Sooner Express in conjunction with OKC Metro Transit system. The bus departs at the OU Campus South Oval and at the Homeland at 24th and Robinson and stops at various locations here at the Oklahoma Health Center. The cost of the Sooner Express is \$2.25 each way or you can purchase an unlimited express 30-day pass for \$50.00. The schedule may also be accessed by going to www.ridecart.com.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **TARC (Threat Assessment Review Committee)** – Kathy Walker reported on the development of this committee. The purpose of TARC is to be proactive on any

threats, or potential threats, made by an HSC employee, faculty member or student that may pose safety issues on the campus. It is an interdisciplinary group which meets monthly, or as needed. The committee was formed in March and has, on several occasions, already handled reports of potential concern. Committee members can meet on short notice. They have been working to develop systematic approaches to prevent violence on campus. As part of these safety measures, the Emergency Notification System was implemented. If an emergency arises on campus, notification is sent via the email system and as a text message to cell phones, as a recorded message to every employee, faculty and student's cell phone, work phone and home phone. This is why it is important everyone keeps their contact information up to date on the employee self-service website. The ENS is tested each semester.

Additionally, Campus Police, in conjunction with Human Resources, is developing "Preventing and Responding to Campus Violence Training for supervisors and interested employees, faculty and students. She discussed several scenarios that should be reported to the committee. It is imperative that any signs someone might need help, from verbal threats, domestic or personal issues, or an employee exhibiting a change in behavior, are reported to this committee.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elections for Faculty Senate officers will be done via email prior to the June meeting. Anyone interested in serving as Chair-Elect and Secretary-Elect should send a short biography with their goals for Faculty Senate to Dr. Gold as soon as possible.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 19, 2008. This wrap-up meeting will include recognition of outgoing Senators and Alternates as well as incoming Senators and Alternates.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McGuinn
Secretary-Elect

Handouts:

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