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Regular Meeting Minutes of the OUHSC Faculty Senate

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Stacy Anderson	Michael Gold	Lourdes Planas
Steve Blevins	Kevin Haney	Larry Regens
Deborah Booton-Hiser	Emma Kientz	E. Michael Smith
Vicki Coury	Frank Lawler	Winter Gibbs Smith
Elena Cuaderes	Renee Leasure	Douglas Stewart
Colin Foster	Laura McGuinn	

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS ABSENT

A.F. Al-Assaf	Vesper Grantham	Teodora Nicolescu
Mark Anderson	Peter Johnson	Marilee Obritsch
Jo Azzarello	Thubi Kolobe	Julie Parke
Frank Boutsen	Satish Kumar	Lida Radfar
Jack Conway	Satish Kumar	Steve Walston
Carol Dionne	David Lewis	
Jean Goodman	Mary Ann McClellan	

EX-OFFICIOS AND GUESTS PRESENT

Donald Harrison	Abbey Onan	Cheryl Williams
Mary Hudson	Julie Stoner	
Voncella McCleary-Jones	Kathy Walker	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Kevin Haney, Chair, at 5:09 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2008 MINUTES and MAY 2008 NOTES

A motion was made by Deborah Booton-Hiser to approve the March 2008 Minutes and the May 2008 Meeting Notes. Motion was seconded by Renee Leasure. Motion passed.

III. ELECTION OF CHAIR-ELECT AND SECRETARY-ELECT (2008-09)

The Committee on Committees recommended Colin Foster to serve as Secretary-Elect for the 2008-09 Faculty Senate. Having received no other nominations from the floor, the recommendation passed.

The Committee on Committees recommended Larry Regens to serve as Chair-Elect for the 2008-09 Faculty Senate. No other nominations were received and the recommendation passed.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Dr. Haney reported on the Executive Committee meeting with Dr. Ferretti. Two concerns for the campus were discussed.

The GCRC proposed grant was received and reviewed. It was renewed, without funding. The Provost and the College of Medicine will fund through January 2009. The lack of funding for the grant was discussed and is currently being evaluated to determine if it is due to national funding levels or the language contained in the proposal. It will be a prolonged process to regain and/or replace the funding. Also discussed were possible ramifications for the upcoming CTSA award.

The second item of discussion was the endowment program and the recent \$100 million donation by T. Boone Pickens to OSU. The donation could have deep consequences since it will require a dollar-for-dollar match from the state. Even with the recent bond issue funding the outstanding endowment liability, this large donation increased the state's portion. Modifications to the bond issue are being considered but a special session will most likely not be held this year to handle any changes. One aspect of the bond issue is that state will no longer match at a \$1 to \$1 ratio, except on donations of \$250,000 or less. Anything above \$250,000 will now be matched at a 25¢ to \$1 ratio. The effect is being felt across the campus since it has slowed donations going toward endowments. One option may be to prioritize endowment dollars to help in enlisting donors to the endowment programs. The good news is that HSC received \$23 million of the \$47 million for endowed funds from the bond issue that were given to OU with Tulsa receiving \$10 million and \$14 million to the Norman Campus.

Accomplishments this year for the Faculty Senate

1. The speaker series with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. was an exceptional event. We have received a commitment from President Boren to continue to support this type of a speaking event. The challenge will be to find speaker(s) who showcase the mission of the HSC faculty and campus while also being a good partner with the community.
2. The resolution to the EBC regarding the RFP process and inclusion of providers on the HSC campus was very successful. With the process nearing completion for selection of a carrier for the Health Insurance for the employees, it is obvious that the EBC was very sensitive to the needs of employees, as well as faculty who are providers of medical services.
3. Resolution regarding guns on campus was helpful in providing clear information to the legislative leadership regarding the more broad issues of campus safety found on the HSC campus. With medical facilities on the campus, as well as staff, students and faculty, the campus serves patients amongst our educational facilities.

Ideas for next year's Faculty Senate:

1. Faculty Senate has been unable to affect increases in salary for our faculty but the Faculty Compensation Committee could work on this issue during the coming year.
2. Revitalizing committees to help in bringing forward solutions, ideas and suggestions that will benefit the faculty. If a committee is not currently meeting on a regular basis, the committee could begin meeting on Thursday, preceding the Faculty Senate meeting, to look at issues.

Dr. Haney thanked everyone who had helped him this year, including Cheryl and Kathy. He reminded everyone that the August meeting of Faculty Senate will focus on Campus Safety, with Kathy Walker, representing the Threat Assessment Review Committee (TARC) and Campus Police Chief Ed Welch speaking. Kathy Walker reported that anyone can now report a campus concern by emailing "Concern" in the global address system. Their email will be sent to several members of TARC for immediate assessment. They will also bring local demographics of crime to the August meeting.

He noted that the College of Nursing is developing a committee that parallels what the Student Association is doing on the Norman Campus with regards to preventing situations that might require the Emergency Contact System to be used. They are developing educational materials and activities, including role playing scenarios, which deal with problematic situations. The Faculty should be the leaders in helping to prevent situations on campus involving students by carefully observing the students who might not be dealing with a changing culture. Marcia Bennett is also working with the Student Deans in the development of educational models. TARC (Threat Assessment Review Committee) is designed to monitor and address threats or potential threats that may pose safety issues; the faculty can be very helpful in helping to avoid a crisis.

It was suggested that an open forum be provided periodically for faculty and/or colleges to submit items for discussion to be included on the agenda. Anyone can bring up items for discussion under new business, but it would be good to give notice to members that a specific item or topic was going to be discussed at a meeting. Suggestions or topics can be submitted to the Chair for inclusion on the agenda.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Academic Programs Council:** Printed minutes from their last meeting were provided. Lourdes Planas reported that a new program has been approved for the College of Pharmacy. Additionally, the MS in Clinical and Translational Science has been approved and Prof. Stoner is working on the implementation of this program.

Discussion was held on various programs that are currently being restructured and/or upgraded. A primary concern is the need for basic sciences classes being available to all of the colleges and the shortage of teachers for basic sciences. Suggestions included having classes in basic sciences available to students from any college, instead of classes specific to a college.

- B. **Employee's Benefit Committee:** Dr. Anderson reported that a selection has been made for the health insurance provider and will be presented to the Regents at their meeting next week and be effective on January 1, 2009. She noted that HSC services and providers have been included.

The committee is now looking to address how to assist new employees in selecting healthcare options and retirement plans. Currently, more than 30% of employees are not defining how their retirement funds are invested. Contribution strategies and wellness initiatives are also being addressed. The bylaws have also been updated.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Haney presented the Chair's Plaque to Dr. Gold, who will serve as Chair during 2008-09. He also presented the Secretary's Plaque to Dr. McGuinn who will serve as Secretary. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to each Senator and Alternate who is completing their term. He recognized each of the incoming Senators and Alternates and welcomed them to the Faculty Senate.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2008 and will focus on Campus Security. The faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Blevins
Secretary

Handouts:

June 2008 Agenda

March 2008 Meeting Minutes (Draft)

May 2008 Meeting Notes (Draft)

Academic Programs Council Minutes

Employee Benefits Council, April 2008 minutes

Employee Benefits Council, Annual Report