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Regular Meeting Minutes of the OUHSC Faculty Senate**

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS PRESENT

Stacy Anderson	Vesper Grantham	Abbey Onan
Kari Boyce	Kevin Haney	Larry Regens
Kim Coon (T)	Mary Hudson	Douglas Stewart
Vicki Coury	Peter Johnson	Julie Stoner
Elena Cuaderes	Satish Kumar	Steve Walston
Deborah Espen	Betty Kupperschmidt	
Colin Foster	Deborah Lockwood	

SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS ABSENT

Deborah Booten-Hiser	David Lewis	Al Al-Assaf
Sheila Crow	Voncella McCleary-Jones	Pramod Chetty
Kevin Farmer	Laura McGuinn	Carol Dionne
Michael Gold	W. Mike McShan	Jean Goodman
Robert John	Lida Radfar	Donald Harrison
Frank Lawler	Patsy Smith	Julie Parke
Renee Leasure	Winter Smith	

EX-OFFICIOS AND GUESTS PRESENT

Sarah Jensen	Kathy Walker	Cheryl Williams
James Kessler	Ed Welch	

GUEST SPEAKERS: Dr. Larry Regens, Chair-Elect, introduced Ed Welch, OUHSC Police Chief. Chief Welch presented information about the organizational structure of the Police Department and announced that all of the officers have been trained in Emergency Response. He reviewed the exterior camera and communications equipment on campus and the capabilities of observing the activities on campus. He provided crime statistics for the campus and discussed the department's objectives for protecting the faculty, staff, students and visitors to campus.

Questions were raised about smoking that occurs in the medians on campus. Chief Welch explained that the medians actually belong to Oklahoma City and the OUHSC Campus Police do not have the authority to issue smoking citations or warnings to those who smoke while in the medians. However, his officers do monitor the medians and remind individuals that if they are sitting on the curbs, they must keep their feet out of the street for safety reasons. Warnings for smoking on campus are issued if someone is smoking while on campus property.

Dentistry will begin offering patient clinics on campus in the evening. Chief Welch requested that the police department be notified of any off-hour activities in buildings.

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Kathy Walker, Director of Administrative Support Services, presented information on composition and work of the Threat Assessment Review Committee. The committee was formed in April 2008. The purpose of this interdisciplinary group is preparedness and prevention of potential situations of harm on campus. Every member is required to attend a meeting when called or send a back-up (which each committee member has been assigned). Meetings are held routinely as well as on an as-needed basis. Anyone can report to this group via email any type of suspicious behavior or threatening activity. The email address is concern@ouhsc.edu.

When in doubt on whether to report a suspicious activity or concern, you should contact the Campus Police Department and they can determine how to handle the situation.

If you suspect that someone is becoming a threat to self or others, you should report your suspicions or concerns. Types of concerns might include:

- Someone with a high level of interest in weapons or firearms
- A person showing an unusual amount interest in others
- The workplace is stressful due to a layoff, dispute, etc.
- A worker is exhibiting intense anger
- Workplace violence has been experienced
- A co-worker has personal problems that seem to be escalating
- Someone has a change in behavior that is of concern
- A worker is intimidating others
- Someone is exhibiting paranoia
- A sense of desperation is being shown
- Someone is fascinated with campus violence (may talk about it excessively)
- A person shows disregard for the safety of others.

Kathy encouraged everyone to be sure they have signed up for the Emergency Communication System which alerts you via email, cell phone, home phone, etc. about the pertinent and relevant criminal activity occurring on the campus. You can update your information at <http://www.ouhsc.edu/ecs/>

Tulsa campus is in the process of developing a similar response committee. Student incidents and internal systems are also being developed. Marcia Bennett is working with the student groups to develop specific guidelines, etc.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Dr. Larry Regens, Chair-Elect, at 5:30 p.m. He announced that Dr. Michael Gold will be moving to Vanderbilt University and that he has resigned as Chair of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Regens will serve as Chair for the 2008-09 year and a new Chair-Elect will need to be elected.
- II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 2008 MINUTES** - A motion was made by Stacy Anderson to approve the June 2008 Minutes. Motion was seconded and motion passed.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT - Dr. Regens reported on the Executive Committee meeting held with Dr. Ferretti, Provost. The following items were discussed:

- 1) HSC Budget – The FY 2009 budget is a flat budget, but includes \$3.5 million in increased operations & maintenance costs for increased utilities, etc. Even with the tuition increase, the university is unable to make up the shortfall. Despite the hiring freeze imposed in August individuals who were promoted and/or received tenure will receive their raises. The Provost sees this as a tough year. Fortunately, a majority of HSC funding is received from sources other than state appropriations. He is guardedly optimistic since the Rainy Day Fund has an excess of revenue from increased oil and gas revenues, but there is no guarantee that Higher Education, including the HSC campus, will receive additional state appropriations with next year's legislative session.
- 2) Hiring Freeze – The Provost stressed during the meeting that if a position is open for hire using either State funds or soft money, if the money is available to fund the position, the request to hire can be processed. It is important to check with each college's department of personnel to complete the necessary paperwork to file with Vice President Rowe's office for approval.
- 3) Update on construction projects – The College of Allied Health building is not on track for completion by the middle of the fall semester. It is more likely that the building will be ready for occupancy in the Spring 2009 semester. Diabetes Center and Cancer Center are still under construction.
- 4) Endowed Chairs – HSC was on track to receive \$85 million to fund the back log of endowed chairs. However, the T. Boone Pickens donation to OSU and the Kaiser Foundation donation to the School of Community Medicine (Tulsa) changed the amount available. These two large donations increased the amount to be matched by the state and were not anticipated by the legislature. OU is now scheduled to receive \$47 million to fund the back log of endowed chairs. The senior administration is looking for creative options to deal with the shortfall and the Provost will keep the Faculty Senate updated.
- 5) Change in Health Insurance Provider – Effective January 1, 2009, Blue Cross and Blue Shield will be the provider for health insurance to our employees. The Provost was pleased that the resolution by the Faculty Senate requesting that providers on the HSC campus be included in any RFP for insurance providers was included in the BC/BS proposal.
- 6) If anyone has a concern or issue that should be brought to the Provost's attention, please let Dr. Regens know so the Executive Committee can raise the issue to the Provost's attention.
 - i. Discussion was held on the difficulties some individual faculty members encounter in getting approvals for outside contracts from the HSC legal department. Dr. Regens suggested that senators email a summary of concerns they and their colleagues have to Cheryl

Williams so she can assemble them for the Executive Committee. Then the Executive Committee can meet with Legal to discuss the issue. They will report back to the full senate after meeting with legal. At that time, the Faculty Senate can determine whether it is necessary to request that the head of the legal department meet with the full senate and/or have the Executive Committee discuss perceived concerns with the Provost.

- IV. Annual Speaker Series at HSC** – Discussion was held on the showcase speakers that we have had on campus. Dr. Haney reviewed the process for scheduling and paying for the speaker. President Boren has been very supportive of this series and indicated his desire to continue assisting with getting speakers. The Senate agreed that OUHSC should continue the speaker series and focus on attracting a nationally recognized speaker who would be a major draw for our campus, attract attendees from the larger community, and generate good media coverage. The Executive Committee along with Dr. Blevins will identify an appropriate speaker and work with Provost Ferretti to ensure that this event receives support from the senior administration. Financial support will be sought from President Boren to cover expenses. Motion to form the committee and pursue finding a speaker for 2009 was made by Vesper Grantham and seconded by Deborah Lockwood. Motion passed unanimously.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Committees Report

- 1) Dr. Regens explained the process that was followed this year to solicit nominations for vacancies. If multiple nominations were received for vacancies, not specifically required to be filled by a college, the COC met and narrowed their recommendation to a single recommendation. All of the recommendations to fill committee or council vacancies, with the exception of the Chair-Elect, were passed unanimously.
- 2) Faculty Senate Chair-Elect - Several senators requested more time to consider filling the vacancy and the senate deferred action on the COC recommendation for Chair-Elect until the September meeting. Nominations for Chair-Elect will be opened to all senators with the election of the Chair-Elect (2008-09) being conducted at the September meeting. Dr. Regens will inform all of the senators of the vacancy by email to solicit nominations of individuals who agree to serve if elected. Nominations will be due by email to Cheryl Williams on September 10th. COC will review nominations and make a recommendation to the Faculty senate for action at September 21 meeting.
- 3) The COC recommends that the HSC Service and Related Matters Committee be abolished since it has not met in several years. If an issue needs to be considered or studies, an ad hoc committee can be appointed for the purpose of handling the issue and bringing a solution to the Faculty Senate. Discussion was held and it was determined that this standing committee should be abolished since it no longer is meeting on a regular basis. Motion to approve the recommendation was made

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by Vesper Grantham. Motion was seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

All other committee reports – please review the reports and bring any questions to the September 18th meeting.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

VII. NEW BUSINESS - None

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) The Fall General Faculty Meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2008 at 5:15 p.m. in the BSEB East Lecture Hall.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2008. Rep. Danny Hilliard, Director of Government Relations, will be the guest speaker.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin Foster
Secretary-Elect, 2008-09

Handouts:

August 2008 Agenda

June 2008 Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Committee on Committees (printed)

2007-08 Annual Council Reports (printed)

Athletic Council Annual Reports

- i. Academic Integrity Policy Review Plan (printed)

- ii. Fiscal Integrity Subcommittee Report (printed)

Employee Benefits Committee Minutes and Annual Report (printed)