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Regular Meeting Minutes of the OUHSC Faculty Senate**

**SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS PRESENT**

Deborah Booton-Hiser	Carol Dionne	W. Mike McShan
Kari Boyce	Vesper Grantham	Abbey Onan
Kim Coon	Robert John	Larry Regens
Vicki Coury	Renee Leasure	Douglas Stewart
Sheila Crow	Deborah Lockwood	Julie Stoner

**SENATORS, ALTERNATES, AND OFFICERS ABSENT**

Al Al-Assaf	Kevin Haney	David Lewis
Stacy Anderson	Karl Hansen	Voncella McCleary-Jones
Pramod Chetty	Donald Harrison	Laura McGuinn
Elena Cuaderes	Mary Hudson	Lida Radfar
Deborah Espen	Peter Johnson	Patsy Smith
Kevin Farmer	Satish Kumar	Winter Smith
Colin Foster	Betty Kupperschmidt	Steve Walston
Jean Goodman	Frank Lawler	

**EX-OFFICIOS AND GUESTS PRESENT**

Kathy Walker	Cheryl Williams
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- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Dr. Regens called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. A quorum was present.
- II. APPROVAL OF MAY 2009 MINUTES** –Deborah Booton-Hiser made a motion to approve the minutes and Renee Leasure seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- III. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** – The Executive Committee was unable to meet with Dr. Ferretti due to scheduling conflicts.

Dr. Regens thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Faculty Senate. He expressed his hopes that this year's accomplishments would continue to advance issues that will benefit the faculty. He thanked Dr. Lockwood and others for suggesting that more time at meetings be devoted to topics of interest to faculty governance. This year, a limited number of outside speakers were invited to speak on issues that were timely for the faculty and that were in the interest of our campus.

A review of several items were provided whereby progress was made: ORA concerns were collected and submitted to the Provost, a response was received, and dialogue can continue to assist in upgrading and improving the process for research by faculty. The addition of OU Physicians and OU Dentistry as providers with the healthcare insurance was aided by the Faculty Senate requesting this be considered when HR was reviewing the employee benefits providers.

Additionally, improvements in processes and communication were achieved during the past year through the ITAC committee so faculty are informed about advances in technology being considered for the campus as well as having a voice in improvements.

Dr. Regens stated that he hopes the Faculty Senate's role will continue to be advisory to the decision-making bodies on issues that affect the faculty.

Incoming Faculty Senate officers were presented with plaques and the outgoing Senators and Officers were presented Certificates of Appreciation.

#### **IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Academic Programs Council Annual Report** (printed report) - A request was made to ask Dr. Chris Candler to speak to the Faculty Senate in the fall regarding curricular changes being considered for the College of Medicine. An invitation will be sent to him to speak.
- B. Athletics Council** (printed report) – Dr. Regens reviewed the report and the reality of what student-athletes are required to do in the academic setting vs. students who are not within an athletic program.
- C. Green Initiatives Committee** – Deborah Booton-Hiser reported that the committee will meet again in August.
- D. Information Technology Advisory Committee, ITAC** (printed report) – Discussion was held on administrative rights to computers and the problems arising when Tier I support staff are not available to assist. Kari Boyce stated that the policies for administrative rights are college specific. The shortage of Tier I staff in some colleges can also cause problems for faculty when assistance is needed. Faculty should take their concerns to their Dean so that solutions can be found. Discussion was also held on the turnover of IT personnel that is being experienced in some colleges. She did state that safeguards must be in place to prevent problems without limiting access.

Dr. Boyce also discussed several ongoing projects. Currently, IT is developing software tools that will require confirmation from the user that updates have been done prior to gaining access off-campus or through remote. This can cause a cyclical problem if security updates have not been done prior to leaving the campus.

The primary data center located in the Rogers Building is reaching capacity in terms of available space, power, and cooling. These constraints will impact future growth and support for needed technology. IT has been working with the Office of Administration and Finance to identify space, resources, and funding for a new data center.

Progress continues in communicating changes prior to implementation through the ITAC. Monthly meetings and notes are being provided by Mark Ferguson as well as information provided by IT about projects, upgrades, and technology issues. More information will be provided about the clinical rollout for the secure file transfers and secure emails.

**E. Parking Notes** (printed report provided by Doug Myers, Asst. Director of Parking and Transportation)

**F. Shared Leave Committee** Annual Report (printed report)

**G. Campus Tenure and Faculty Appeals Board** – Renee Leasure reported that she has served on both of these committees and has been appointed to specific cases being considered by the Faculty Appeals Board. She stated that even though the proceedings are confidential, the processes followed might be of interest to the Faculty Senate. It was requested by the members attending that Dr. Frans Currier, Chair of these committees, be asked to speak to the Faculty Senate about the Faculty Handbook processes that involve these committees. Additionally, the process for revisions to the Faculty Handbook would be a good topic for him to address.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Faculty Governance Award Criteria** – The Executive Committee has met and drafted the proposed criteria for the selection of the recipient of the Faculty Governance Award. Discussion was held on the process and possible revisions. Since a quorum was no longer in attendance, this issue will be tabled until the August meeting. Members of the Faculty Senate will be asked for any changes or suggestions for the criteria prior to that meeting.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS** – none

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** - none

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A.** Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 20, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

*In the absence of the Secretary and Secretary-Elect, Cheryl Williams, Administrative Coordinator for the Faculty Senate, recorded the minutes for this meeting.*

Handouts:

June 2009 Agenda

May 2009 Meeting Minutes (draft)

Academic Programs Council (printed)

Athletics Council (printed)

ITAC notes (printed)

Parking Notes (printed)

Shared Leave Committee (printed)

Faculty Governance Award Criteria (draft)