

**Minutes
of the Faculty Senate Meeting on
Thursday, January 15, 2004**

Call to Order:

President Brodnax called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Members Present:

Senator Beasley, Senator Brodnax, Senator Chen, Senator Dickson, Senator Hamlin, Senator Haskin, Senator Henderson, Senator Hepner, Senator Lalor, Senator Lucas, Senator McClendon, Senator Montes, Senator B. Parrish, Senator R. Parrish, Senator Pugh, Senator Reed, Senator Roberson, Senator Rooker, Senator Simmons, Senator Spigner, Senator Vaughan, Senator Wallo, Senator Wells, Senator Wilson-Martin, Senator Wooden.

Members Absent:

Senator Brent, Senator Byrne, Senator Charoenwongse-Shaw, Senator Cone, Senator Dowdy, Senator Green, Senator Hooyman, Senator Kearns, Senator Southerland, Senator Stapleton, Senator Webb..

Guests:

Jerry Legere.

Guest Speaker

Vice President Steve Kreidler presented two Power Point materials to the Senate. The first illustrated the funding sources and expenditures of the university. Expenditure information was split into various operations and functions to provide more meaningful information to Senate members.

The second set of materials compared UCO state appropriations to those of other universities in the state and traced the history of the appropriations. Vice President Kreidler has used these slides to illustrate the impact of this underfunding on the students, faculty, facilities, and programs at the University of Central Oklahoma.

UCO is trying to buy the Ramada Inn on Second Street to convert it into a much-needed residence hall. Also, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is selecting an architect for the forensics laboratory. The city has bought the land, and the laboratory is fully funded.

A major league soccer team will be located in the area if the ownership group signs up. Once the group has signed, they will get a franchise, and the team will be playing by April, 2005.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected by Senator R. Parrish.

Executive Reports:

President

Dr. Myron Pope was invited to speak at the Senate's next meeting but had a conflict and will be unable to be with us. Confirmed speakers for the upcoming meetings are President Webb on March 11, Vice President Kreidler on April 8 for a budget update, and Provost Betz on April 22.

Vice President

Two proposals and one resolution have been withdrawn by their authors. Five resolutions and one proposal have been passed, and three proposals are in committee. The complete information on these items can be found on the web site.

Secretary/Treasurer

Faculty Senate has \$6,611.65 in fund balances.

Historian/Web Master

No report.

Parliamentarian

No report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Executive Committee:

No report.

Academic Affairs:

No report.

Budget Committee:

No report.

Community Service:

No report.

Student Relations:

No report.

CPP&E

No report.

Faculty Welfare:

This committee is obtaining signatures on one bill to be presented at next month's meeting.

Research:

No report.

Executive Committee

The executive committee met with Provost Betz on January 13. He noted that enrollment figures are about the same for this spring as last. Provost Betz indicated his interest in rewarding the faculty members who do research, especially with funds from external grants.

Some changes have been made on campus. Stacy McNeiland has moved from Prospective Students Services to Alumni Services. Lisa Antonelli will move to a fundraising position for the College of Liberal Arts. A new assistant vice president, Dr. Myron Pope, began work January 5 with Dr. Gage. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Bill McHenry, will begin his work at UCO on June 15.

A centennial clock is being placed near Broncho Lake, and improvements are being made in the University Center. Some progress is being made in seeking federal funds to support the Forensic Science Institute.

Success Central will be redesigned and offered next fall. It will not be a mandatory course at this time.

Senators are asked to express views to Dr. Betz on the possibility of offering and receiving more distance courses.

Senate President Brodnax broached the subject of the agenda format for Senate meetings. If, for example, a committee will have no information to report to Senate, the chair could advise Senator Brodnax of the fact, and a "No report" notation would be entered on the agenda. Such streamlining would allow more time for deliberation of bills being offered. Also, Senators should note that, in general, suspension of rules is not desirable to allow a vote on bills on the same day they are introduced.

University Councils:

Academic Affairs

The group will be meeting next Wednesday

Graduate Council

No report.

Research Advisory Council

No report.

Faculty Advisory Council

No report.

Academic Affairs Executive Council

President Webb has requested another open forum on the new faculty handbook. No date and time have been set yet, but mid-March may be a good time.

The pilot student evaluations arrived today. Summer faculty can use the evaluations, and a task force is being considered to take another look at the form.

Faculty development funds are depleted for this academic year.

Two students will be at the *New York Times* in March as a part of the American Democracy project.

Reports from University Task Forces and Ad Hoc Committees:

NSSE Task Force

The final meeting of the task force is scheduled for next Friday.

Staff Survey Committee

The committee met and is discussing items.

Faculty Enhancement Center Advisory Board

No report.

Parking Task Force

No report.

Student Evaluation Task Force

No report.

Budget Task Force

The December 12 meeting was cancelled.

Continuous Improvement Team

An all-day seminar was held on January 8 with consultant John Jasinski and included people on campus who are new to the CIT effort. The next meeting is scheduled for January 16.

Alliance for Institutional Advancement

No report.

Faculty Merit-Credit Committee

No report.

Globalization Task Force

No report.

College Bowl Committee

Inactive

Tenure and Promotion Task Force

Inactive

Special Committee: Faculty Pay and University Budget

A bill is being submitted on a cost of living adjustment for faculty.

Special Committee: Student Perception of Teaching Effectiveness

The committee has not met yet but will schedule a meeting shortly.

Unfinished Business:

FSP 2003/2004-03 Establish Equitable "Years of Experience" Salary Increments for all UCO Faculty

Bill is still in committee and is posted on the web site.

FSP 2003/2004-07 Reinstate Faculty Option of a Ten-Month Pay Period

This bill will be coming up for consideration in February.

New Business:

FSP 2003/2004-12 Cost of Living Increase in Faculty Pay

This bill will be appearing on the web site shortly.

Adjournment: The meeting was declared adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 12, 2004
2 p.m., Education 106

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Parrish

Senator Barbara Parrish
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