

MINUTES – Draft 1/11/05
Of the University of Central Oklahoma
FACULTY SENATE
Thursday, December 9, 2004
Education Building, Room 106

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members present (31): Senator Beasley, Senator Bird, Senator Boling, Senator Buxton, Senator Charoenwongse-Shaw, Senator Chen, Senator Cochran, Senator Cone, Senator Dickson, Senator Dowdy, Senator Eckard, Senator Haskin, Senator Hepner, Senator Hickman, Senator Kearns, Senator Law, Senator Lucas, Senator Martin, Senator McNeiland, Senator Montes, Senator B. Parrish, Senator Reed, Senator Roberson, Senator Rooker, Senator Vaughan, Senator von Minden, Senator Wallo, Senator Wells, Senator Wilson-Martin, Senator Youll, Senator Zhu.

Members absent (5): Senator McClendon, Senator R. Parrish, Senator Pugh, Senator Waters, Senator Webb.

Recognition of Visitors to the Senate: Senate Student Secretary Ashley Meade, Assistant Vice-President Jerry Legere (arrived at 2:48 PM).

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2004 MINUTES

The minutes were approved without emendation.

PRESIDENT ROGER WEBB – Address to the Senate

President Roberson announced that President Webb was not able to come to the Senate today, and that his address would be rescheduled for some future meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report:

At this point, President Roberson noted that his official report is available on-line. He highlighted several issues, including discussions he has had concerning (1) tuition waivers, (2) over-load assignments, (3) electronic hiring procedures, (4) the processes involved in proposals and resolutions, and (5) the previous Senate's bills that still had no response from President Webb.

Vice-President's Report:

Vice-President Beasley noted that there had been two new bills submitted to the Senate. She also thanked the Senators for the timely manner in which bills had been submitted so far this year.

Web Master's Report:

Web Master Hepner reported on progress to create a discussion board for *The Voice*.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Secretary/Treasurer Law reported that the Senate had \$2,527.82 remaining in its account.

Parliamentarian's Report:

Parliamentarian Montes reminded the Senators that it is not too early to start thinking about the next Senate election cycle.

-- Special Motion from the Floor --

A motion was made by Senator Chen to amend the agenda for the purpose of bringing Old Business to the front of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Faculty Senate Resolution 2004/05-04 Amend By-Laws to Establish Handbook Committee.** As President Roberson was the author of this bill, the chair was handed over to Vice President Beasley. Parliamentarian Montes was asked to address the specifics of the bill and the changes that had been

recommended by the CPP&E Committee. Senator Rooker offered a friendly amendment to specify that the Senate representative to the committee should specifically be a member of the Faculty Senate Handbook Revision Committee; the amendment was accepted. Senator Kearns questioned whether we were addressing the needs of an “established” committee or a “hypothetical” standing committee. Senator Roberson said that a committee will definitely be established. After a debate concerning grammatical constructs, Senator Kearns moved that the bill be approved. Vice President Beasley read the amended resolution and it was unanimously approved.

-- **Special Motion from the Floor** – A motion was made by Senator Barbara Parish to amend the order of the presentation of the bills to 09, 08, 07, 05, and 10. The motion was approved.

- **Faculty Senate Resolution 2004/05-09 New Tenure and Promotion Task Force.** Vice President Beasley opened the floor for discussion. Senator Bird asked why a departmental chairperson was not being included as a representative to the task force. Senator Roberson, the author of the bill, said that nothing limited a chairperson from running to get elected as their college’s representative. Senator Montes noted that faculty representation should be limited to those with terminal degrees. A lengthy and vociferous debate ensued concerning potential problems with representation on the task force. Senator Hepner had been asked by members of his constituency to question the appropriateness of a Senate bill calling for AAUP representation; Senator Roberson (and others) noted the longstanding involvement of AAUP with the issues of promotion and tenure. The allotted time having expired, Senator Roberson motioned that discussion of this resolution continue after the other bills have been addressed; there was one abstention [see continuation below].
- **Faculty Senate Resolution 2004/05-08 Market Level Entry Salaries for Academic Advisors.** Vice President Beasley opened the floor to discussion. Senator Hepner noted that Robert Epstein had reported that this was “in the works.” Senator Wilson-Martin questioned whether this bill should be a resolution or a proposal and Senator Hepner replied that it depended on where the bill was intended to go: the President gets proposals / the Provost gets resolutions. Having expended the time allotted for debate, Senator Dickson called for the question; the vote was taken and the resolution passed unanimously.
- **Faculty Senate Proposal 2004/05-07 Tenure-Track Position after a Tenure Denial.** Senator Buxton moved that the proposal be brought to the floor; the Senate approved. There was no debate. The bill was approved unanimously.
- **Faculty Senate Proposal 2004/05-05 Direct Submission of Applications for Faculty Positions to the Respective Departments.** Senator Chen, the author of the bill, asked that the proposal be tabled for future consideration; the motion to table was approved unanimously.
- **Faculty Senate Resolution 2004/05-10 Centralization/Decentralization of Technology Services.**
- **Faculty Senate Resolution 2004/05-09 New Tenure and Promotion Task Force [*Continued Debate*].** A motion was entertained to extend the debate an additional 15 minutes; it was approved. Senator Dickson noted that members of his constituency were also hesitant to involve AAUP in this task force. Senator Montes and Senator Vaughan again spoke to the advantage of involving a “national perspective” that regularly dealt with issues of “due process.” Senator Roberson gave an over-view of the history of the previous task force. Time being exhausted, another motion to extend the debate was entertained and approved. The issues of faculty representation and a potential rotation of college representatives was discussed. The exclusion (or non-exclusion) of associate deans was addressed and the potential representation of department chairs was discussed a second time. Yet another motion to extend time was made and approved. Senator Roberson accepted a battery of friendly amendments before Senator Chen finally called for the question. In the end, the motion was unanimously approved.

-- *Having finished its Old Business, the Senate then returned to the printed agenda for the meeting.*

UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs:

Senator Lucas: there are several controversial curricular changes being discussed and a “special meeting” has been called next Wednesday to address the issues.

Alliance for Institutional Advancement:

Senator Law: there has been no meeting of the Alliance this year.

Alumni Association Board of Directors:

Senator Pugh was absent. Senator McNeiland said there would be a meeting of the Board that very evening.

Benefits Committee:

Senator Haskin: the Committee met on December 3 via teleconference. Three members from each of the Regional universities will be reviewing the benefits packages to make recommendations to the Regents.

Senator Haskins invited questions and concerns.

Budget Task Force:

Senators Roberson and Hepner: there was no meeting this month.

Continuous Improvement Team:

Senators Kearns and Roberson: there was no meeting.

Faculty Merit Committee:

Senator Vaughan: the Committee will not meet until after the January 31 deadline for Merit Credit applications.

Faculty Enhancement Center Advisory Board:

Senator Youll was absent (no report).

Globalization Task Force:

Senator Bird: a meeting will be held next Tuesday.

Graduate Council:

Senator Rooker: the Council will meet on the 14th at 3:00 PM.

Information Technology Advisory Board:

Senator Beasley and Senator Dickson: there are continuing discussions about the proper use of student fee monies. A five-year plan is being established in IT. Concerns will be elicited. "Phase II" of the *Student Feedback Form* is being worked on; no one is sure when faculty will be able to access the feedback they have been given by the students. Assistant Vice President Legere noted that approximately 30% of the classes had "no feedback."

NSSE Task Force:

Senator Beasley: no meeting yet.

Parking Task Force:

Senator Ralph Parrish: not at Senate meeting; report available on Senate website.

Research Advisory Council:

Senator McClendon was absent (no report).

SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**Academic Affairs:**

Senator Lucas: left meeting early (no report).

Adjunct Affairs:

Senator Vaughan: report available on Senate website.

Alumni and Community Affairs:

Senator McNeiland: report available on Senate website.

Budget Committee:

Senator Barbara Parrish: report available on Senate website.

CPP&E:

Senator Montes: report available on Senate website.

Faculty Welfare and Development:

Senator Chen: the committee has done much already, but is still working on other proposals.

Information Resources:

Senator Dickson: report available on Senate website.

Personnel Policies:

Senator Webb was absent but his report is available on Senate website.

Research:

Senator Martin: report available on Senate website.

Student Relations:

Senator Cone: report available on Senate website.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Beasley introduced two new bills:

- FSP 2004/05-11 Post-Tenure Procedures and Timeline.
- FSP 2004/05-12 Cost-of-Living Increase in Faculty Pay

President Roberson noted that there had emerged some new issues concerning grievance procedures and that a special committee might be needed to determine whether Senate should be involved. Senator Wallo moved that such a committee be formed. All voted approval for the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing that there was no further business before the Senate, President Roberson acknowledged a motion to adjourn at 4:23 p.m.

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