

MINUTES – Draft 3/6/05
Of the University of Central Oklahoma
FACULTY SENATE
Thursday, February 10, 2005
Education Building, Room 106

CALL TO ORDER

President Roberson called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present (25): Senator Boling, Senator Buxton, Senator Chen, Senator Cochran, Senator Cone, Senator Dickson, Senator Dowdy, Senator Haskin, Senator Hepner, Senator Kearns, Senator Law, Senator Lucas, Senator Martin, Senator McNeiland, Senator Montes, Senator B. Parrish, Senator R. Parrish, Senator Pugh, Senator Reed, Senator Roberson, Senator Rooker, Senator von Minden, Senator Waters, Senator Webb, Senator Wells, Senator Zhu.

Members absent (10): Senator Beasley, Senator Bird, Senator Charoenwongse-Shaw, Senator Eckard, Senator Hickman, Senator McClendon, Senator Vaughan, Senator Wallo, Senator Wilson-Martin, Senator Youll.

Recognition of Visitors to the Senate: Assistant Vice-President Jerry Legere, President's Leadership Council Student Michael Goodman, Senate Student Secretary Ashley Meade.

APPROVAL OF THE January 13, 2005 MINUTES

The minutes were approved without emendation.

GUEST SPEAKER:

President Roberson announced that the scheduled speaker, Vice President Steve Kreidler, was not available to speak to the Senate.

-- Special Motion from the Floor --

Given the low turnout for the Senate meeting, a motion was made by Senator Rooker to amend the agenda for the purpose of bringing New Business to the front of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

As Vice President Beasley was not at the meeting, President Roberson introduced the following bills and assigned them to the CPP&E Committee:

FSP 2004-2005-14 An Amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution to be included in Article III.

Section 12: Interim Replacement for Faculty Senator On-Leave during the Two-Year Term.

FSR 2004-2005-15R Amendment of Faculty Senate Constitution to Article IV. Organization of the Senate.

FSR 2004-2005-16R Amendment of Faculty Senate Constitution to Article I Faculty Association and Faculty Senate Article II. Plan of Representation.

-- Having introduced all of the New Business, President Roberson returned to the official agenda.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report:

President Roberson noted that his official report is available on-line at the Senate website. He did highlight (1) the continuing and productive meetings that the Executive Committee has been having with Provost Betz, (2) the imminent retirements of Deans Coe and Caire, and (3) the potential need for a Summer Senate meeting.

Vice-President's Report:

Vice-President Beasley was not able to be at the meeting. There was no report.

Web Master's Report:

Web Master Hepner noted that the new edition of *The Voice* had been posted.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Secretary/Treasurer Law reported that he was unable to access the Banner account to get an updated balance, but that nothing had been purchased recently, so the figures given in January are probably reflective of the current status of the account.

Parliamentarian's Report:

Parliamentarian Montes announced that the Handbook Committee was making progress. He also reported that elections for faculty representatives to the University Task Force on Promotion and Tenure would be happening soon. These elections are being run under the auspices of the CPP&E Committee of the Senate. He also reiterated that the constitutional amendments being proposed in the newly introduced bills would need to be formally approved by a 2/3 majority of the Faculty Association.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS**Academic Affairs Council:**

Senator Lucas: the Council met in January to vote official approval of the new Core Curriculum. It will become operational in the Fall of 2005. The Continuous Improvement Team will be meeting sometime this Spring. Senate recommendations to CIT will hopefully be discussed. Full report available online at the Senate website.

Alliance for Institutional Advancement:

Senator Law: the Alliance is apparently in "sleep mode" this year; no meetings have taken place, nor have any been announced. The Provost has informed us that the Alliance will be headed up by the newly appointed Anne Holzberlin.

Alumni Association Board of Directors:

Senator Pugh: nothing new has happened since January.

Benefits Committee:

Senator Haskin: BOROC will be video conferencing to continue its discussions about life insurance. At age 65 life insurance benefits begin to atrophy for employees in the BOROC system.

Budget Task Force:

Senator B. Parish: the Task Force has still not met. President Roberson asked Secretary Law to give an account of the Executive Committee's discussions with the Provost; Senator Law related that consternation was being expressed due to faculty being "kept in the dark" about budgetary priorities. Even in the absence of formal monetary figures, the Task Force should be meeting to discuss priorities. President Roberson said we will continue to press for movement on the budget.

Continuous Improvement Team:

Senators Kearns and Roberson: the CIT met on January 21, 2005 for one hour. Preliminaries for the semester were all that were dealt with.

Faculty Merit Committee:

Senator Vaughan was not at the meeting; *Senator Haskin* gave a report. The first meeting of the Committee has taken place. Twenty-two applications were filed. A recommendation is being made to have a "top award" in each of the three categories (teaching / service / scholarship).

Faculty Enhancement Center Advisory Board:

Senator Youll was not at the meeting. No report was given.

Globalization Task Force:

Senator Bird was not at the meeting. No report was given. Concern was voiced that the Senate is not being adequately represented on this Task Force. President Roberson said he would look into the matter. The Task Force will be emphasizing India in next Fall's *Passport UCO* series.

Graduate Council:

Senator Rooker: efforts are being made to recruit graduate students in India, where collaborative agreements with other universities are being established. Science programs in particular will benefit from this recruitment campaign. A student attending UCO from another country brings three times the revenue to the institution. A minimum GPA of 3.25 has been established for GA's and RA's. The next scheduled meeting of the Council is April 12 at 3:00 p.m.

Information Technology Advisory Board:

Senator Beasley was not at the meeting. Her report was not given.

Senator Dickson: the Faculty Advisory/Strategic Planning Group will meet on Monday, February 14 to talk about restructuring student fees. Senator Law proffered some clarifications about the new fee structures, based on the information he had as a Liberal Arts Department Chair: if approved by the Regents, the fees being levied on individual courses will be replaced by fees levied by the colleges. The goal is to provide the colleges with greater collective resources. Stipulating that his information was only based on what he knew by way of the Liberal Arts Chairpersons Council, the cumulative fees being levied on the student will actually be reduced, and departments will be freed from the difficulties of maintaining the fee accounts themselves.

NSSE Task Force:

Senator Beasley was not at the meeting. No report was given.

Parking Task Force:

Senator Ralph Parrish: the Task Force met today to establish priorities. There is concern about whether the “Central Plaza” (i.e., the former Ramada) will have enough parking spaces for the resident students.

Senator Lucas asked if the “gated lots” program will be expanded. Senator Parrish said the topic did not come up at the meeting. Movement of students from the Central Plaza – across 2nd Street – to the rest of the campus, was also a topic of concern expressed by several senators. Full report available online at the Senate website.

Research Advisory Council:

Senator McClendon was not at the meeting. No report was given.

SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**Academic Affairs:**

Senator Lucas: report available online at the Senate website.

Adjunct Affairs:

Senator Vaughan: report available online at the Senate website.

Alumni and Community Affairs:

Senator McNeiland: the committee met on January 18, 2005. Priorities are being established. Walmart is being approached as a possible outlet for UCO merchandise. The special project, *Bella Noche*, was a huge success, with 250 people being courted as potential donors to UCO.

Budget Committee:

Senator Barbara Parrish: report available online at the Senate website.

CPP&E:

Senator Montes: the CPP&E Committee will be meeting soon to address the new bills assigned to it at this meeting.

Faculty Welfare and Development:

Senator Chen: the committee would like to have the Senate address FSP 2004-2005-11. Parliamentarian Montes clarified the need to follow parliamentary procedures: a bill must be introduced at one meeting and then voted on at the next meeting.

Handbook Committee:

Senator Montes: report included earlier as part of the Parliamentarian’s Report.

Information Resources:

Senator Dickson: nothing to report this month.

Personnel Policies:

Senator Webb: nothing to report.

Research:

Senator Martin: nothing to report.

Student Relations:

Senator Cone: no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- FSR 2004/05-11R *Post-Tenure Procedures and Timeline*. Senator Chen had withdrawn this bill at the December meeting. As it had not been reintroduced at the January meeting, it – technically – would have to be reintroduced at the current meeting and debated at the next meeting. After much parliamentary wrangling, Senator McNeiland moved to suspend the rules in order to bring the bill to the floor. The motion carried with one *nay*. Parliamentarian Montes questioned whether the Senate was calling for a proposal or a resolution. The bill remained a resolution. Senator Reed made a friendly amendment that changed the cycle to a six year cycle. The friendly amendment was accepted by Senator Chen. Senator Law expressed concerns about making things more difficult for departmental chairpersons: would the new cycle make it harder to address problems that might arrive with some faculty? A general discussion ensued. Senator Chen clarified the functions of the “informal intermediate departmental evaluation” called for in the bill. Senator Rooker called for the question: the resolution passed with one abstention.
- FSP 2004/05-12 *Cost-of-Living Increase in Faculty Pay*. This bill had also been withdrawn at the January meeting. Again, a motion to suspend the rules was proffered. President Roberson asked for discussion. As there was none, the bill was put up for a vote and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Webb noted that three senators had met with representatives from the bookstore. The discussions were fruitful.

Senator Kearns noted that April will highlight a “Disability Services Week.”

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing that there was no further business before the Senate, President Roberson acknowledged a motion to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

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