

**MINUTES – Draft 4/5/05**  
**Of the University of Central Oklahoma**  
**FACULTY SENATE**  
**Thursday, March 10, 2005**  
**Education Building, Room 106**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Roberson called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present (28): Senator Beasley, Senator Bird, Senator Buxton, Senator Charoenwongse-Shaw, Senator Chen, Senator Cochran, Senator Cone, Senator Dowdy, Senator Eckard, Senator Haskin, Senator Hepner, Senator Hickman, Senator Kearns, Senator Law, Senator Lucas, Senator Montes, Senator B. Parrish, Senator R. Parrish, Senator Roberson, Senator Rooker, Senator Vaughan, Senator von Minden, Senator Wallo, Senator Waters, Senator Webb, Senator Wells, Senator Wilson-Martin, Senator Youll.

Members absent (8): Senator Boling, Senator Dickson, Senator Martin, Senator McClendon, Senator McNeiland, Senator Pugh, Senator Reed, Senator Zhu.

Recognition of Visitors to the Senate: Assistant Vice-President Jerry Legere, President's Leadership Council Student Michael Goodman, Vista Reporter Laura Lamb, Campus Life Representative Michael White, Senate Student Secretary Ashley Meade.

**APPROVAL OF THE February 10, 2005 MINUTES**

The minutes were approved without emendation.

**GUEST SPEAKER: President Roger Webb**

The President expressed his appreciation for all the work the Senate has done this year. He then made an announcement about the impending vacancy in Academic Affairs: Dr. Bill Radke will be named Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs. The Senators enthusiastically applauded his decision. The President further announced that Dr. Pat LaGrow would also be moving forward as the Interim Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. President Webb intends to have the positions formally filled "no later than July of 2006," and "perhaps as early as January of 2006." These announcements, he said, had not yet been released to the general public yet, as he wished to make them known to the Faculty Senate first.

President Webb addressed several university initiatives. His goal, pending funding, is to add somewhere between five to ten new full-time faculty positions next year. Enrollment is expected to grow, and the university itself needs to grow to meet the new demands. New programs will be considered, especially those with demonstrable "relevance to today's society." He cited the need for expansion of the Nursing and Forensics programs. The President also mentioned new alliances being forged with Rose State College, and the expected benefits that will accrue to the university, especially increasing numbers of students taking our degree programs.

President Roberson thanked President Webb for appearing before the Senate, and expressed his gratification for the announcements about Academic Affairs being made before this body.

**-- Special Motion from the Floor --**

To facilitate effective use of time before the arrival of the next scheduled speaker (Provost Don Betz), a motion was made by Senator Vaughan to amend the agenda for the purpose of bringing Old Business to the front of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*FSR 2004/2005-13 A New Outreach Initiative for Offering Off-Campus Courses and Services.* Senator Lucas spoke in favor of the resolution. As there was no discussion, Senator Rooker moved the resolution be passed. There was unanimous approval of the bill.

*FSR 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..*

Parliamentarian Montes informed the senators that the CPP&E Committee had expressed unanimous consensus that this resolution was redundant; the committee recommended “disapproval” of the bill. Senator Webb asked President Roberson the following question: “If service in Senate counts for promotion and tenure, then how can that service be judged?” President Roberson acknowledged the quandary, but said that the issue was not germane to the motion on the floor. Senator Vaughan asked whether that meant that a senator should “resign” if they went on leave? Parliamentarian Montes said “yes.” As there was no further discussion, Senator Vaughan called for the question. There were no votes for approval and a unanimous vote for disapproval of the bill.

At this point, the second speaker arrived, so the Senate returned to the agenda at 2:48 p.m.

***GUEST SPEAKER: Provost Don Betz***

The Provost announced that he had just come from the Regents’ office downtown, and that he was optimistic about new formulas being developed that might connect financial allocations to numbers of students being graduated from each institution. He promised to forward information to the Senate as soon as it becomes available.

Provost Betz expressed his approval of President Webb’s decisions regarding the leadership positions in Academic Affairs. He then addressed several of the new initiatives that had been mentioned by Vice President Kreidler at the Spring General Faculty and Staff Meeting (changes to the stadium, the donations from Emma Plunkett that were funding the new gardens and landscaping projects, the sculpture contest being done by the Jazz Lab, and the expansion across Second Street to the “Central Plaza”).

Other initiatives were noted as well. The Promotion and Tenure Taskforce is being established, largely in deference to the Senate’s recommendations. There will be 13 members, including a non-voting member (the Dean of the Graduate College), and a departmental chairperson appointed by the Provost. President Webb has organized the New Academic Building Taskforce, and the Provost acknowledged the Senate’s representative to that taskforce, Senator Law. He additionally announced that there would be “safety training” done on campus to make sure that everyone was familiar with emergency procedures. New “college fees” were also mentioned, as was the expansion to Rose State. Furthermore, the Provost announced that new faculty awards were being developed, thanks to a generous bequest to the university from the Vanderford family.

At this point the Provost entertained questions from the floor. A senator queried about where the new academic building might be located? The Provost said that had not been determined, although it would *not* be located on Evans Field. Another question asked about the possibilities of a “parking garage.” The Provost noted that average costs for such a structure ran to \$12,000 per parking space. One of the visiting students, Michael White, mentioned to the Provost that there were severe restrictions on spaces where “fund raising parties” could be held on campus. The Provost said he would look into the matter.

Finally, Provost Betz reflected that this was likely to be his last appearance before the Senate. He thanked the senators for the harmonious working relations that had been established over the years. President Roberson then made a formal presentation of a sculpted Broncho to the Provost, as a memento of our thanks for all that he has done for our university. The senators warmly applauded the Provost and he bid us farewell.

***-- Return to the Special Motion from the Floor --***

At 3:18 p.m. the Senate returned to the Old Business it had temporarily suspended.

***OLD BUSINESS [continued]:***

*FSR 2004/2005-15 Amendment of Faculty Senate Constitution to Article IV, Organization of the Senate.* Parliamentarian Montes explained the need for the amendment: there is confusion regarding senatorial leadership and functions between the election of the new senators and officers in April and the assumed convocation of the new Senate in August. The proposed resolution will make the new Senate entirely functional at the end of the Spring semester. Senator Vaughan asked whether there were any potential problems with a senator resigning during the Summer. Parliamentarian Montes said that he did not foresee

any complications for the Senate should that happen. As there were no further questions, the resolution was put to the vote and it passed unanimously.

*FSR 2004/2005-16 Amendment of Faculty Senate Constitution to Article I: Faculty Association and Faculty Senate Article II, Plan of Representation.* Parliamentarian Montes likewise explained the need for this amendment: the extant Constitution mentions “Faculty, Librarians, and Administrators” in Article I, but Article II also includes “Advisors.” As advisors are in a separate category from administrators, these two articles need to be brought into agreement. Furthermore, with past declines in numbers of full-time faculty, a *minimum* number of faculty representatives needs to be maintained. Next year’s Senate, for instance, will be smaller than this year’s Senate, due to diminished numbers in the College of Education. Parliamentarian Montes urged senators to discuss this with their colleagues, as a 2/3 majority vote is necessary in the forthcoming referendum on the proposed changes to our Constitution. President Roberson informed the Senate concerning the timeline necessary for getting these potential changes approved by BOROC. As there was no further discussion, the resolution was put to the vote and it also passed unanimously.

Having finished its Old Business, the Senate returned to the specified agenda.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **President’s Report:**

President Roberson noted that his official report is available on-line at the Senate website. He chose not to highlight anything from his report, but encouraged Senators to read it.

#### **Vice-President’s Report:**

Vice-President Beasley announced that the very, *very* last day for submission of any bills for the Senate would be March 31.

#### **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 the Senate coffers contained \$6,141.00, pending the submission of any current receipts from President Roberson.

#### **Parliamentarian’s Report:**

Parliamentarian Montes noted that the Senate is conducting two elections, one for representation on the Promotion and Tenure Taskforce and another for representation in next year’s Senate.

### **UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Academic Affairs Council:**

*Senator Lucas:* The Council has not met and won’t meet till April.

#### **Alliance for Institutional Advancement:**

*Senator Law:* the Alliance has not met.

#### **Alumni Association Board of Directors:**

*Senator Pugh* was not at the meeting; there was no report.

#### **Benefits Committee:**

*Senator Haskin:* the Committee has not met.

#### **Budget Task Force:**

*Senator B. Parish:* the Task Force has still not met this year.

#### **Continuous Improvement Team:**

*Senators Kearns and Roberson:* the CIT has had initial “icebreakers” to start the semester, but no work has been done yet.

#### **Faculty Merit Committee:**

*Senator Vaughan:* the Committee has met and begun evaluation the 23 submissions for Merit Credit. April 19<sup>th</sup> is the target date for final decisions.

#### **Faculty Enhancement Center Advisory Board:**

*Senator Youll:* the Board has not met.

#### **Globalization Task Force:**

*Senator Bird:* the Task Force has been actively planning next year’s *Passport UCO* program which will focus on India. A list of the anticipated events was given.

**Graduate Council:**

Senator Rooker: the Council met on March 8, 2005. Amongst the items of discussion were a Masters in Athletic Training and the terminological distinctions that need to be established regarding "joint classes" of 4000 and 5000 level students and those that are separate but "cross listed." Research Day is scheduled for November 5, 2005.

**Information Technology Advisory Board:**

Senator Beasley: a new system called "LIFE" will eventually replace UConnect. It may be in place for Fall 2005. Senator Vaughan asked whether faculty were ever going to be able to access their own on-line student evaluations. Senator Eckard stated that he had not been informed of the procedures, but had nevertheless been able to find them himself.

Senator Dickson was not at the meeting, but his half of the report is available on-line.

**NSSE Task Force:**

Senator Beasley: the Task Force is not active right now.

**Parking Task Force:**

Senator Ralph Parrish: the Task Force has not met. Perhaps there will be an April meeting.

**Research Advisory Council:**

Senator McClendon was not at the meeting again. No reports have been given to the 2004/2005 Senate thus far.

***SENATE COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS*****Academic Affairs:**

Senator Lucas: e-dialogues are continuing.

**Adjunct Affairs:**

Senator Vaughan: three bills have been submitted and are listed under New Business.

**Alumni and Community Affairs:**

Senator McNeiland was not at the meeting; no report was given.

**Budget Committee:**

Senator Barbara Parrish: a meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2005.

**CPP&E:**

Senator Montes: the CPP&E Committee as been very active, as is evident from the bills presented today.

**Faculty Welfare and Development:**

Senator Chen: two additional bills may be coming forward from this Committee.

**Handbook Committee:**

Senator Montes: no report.

**Information Resources:**

Senator Dickson was not at the meeting; no report was given.

**Personnel Policies:**

Senator Webb: nothing to report.

**Research:**

Senator Martin was not at the meeting; no report was given.

**Student Relations:**

Senator Cone left the Senate meeting early; no report was given.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Senator Webb: a program on "diversity" vs. "dispersity" is being planned.

***ADJOURNMENT***

Seeing that there was no further business before the Senate, President Roberson acknowledged a motion to adjourn 4:02 p.m.

