

MINUTES –Draft 8/22/06
Of the University of Central Oklahoma
FACULTY SENATE
Thursday, April 27, 2006
Education Building, Room 106

CALL TO ORDER

When quorum was finally reached, President Roberson called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

ROLL CALLS

2005/2006 Roll Call. Members present (18): Senator Beasley, Senator Bird, Senator Boling, Senator Dickson, Senator Ferguson, Senator Hartmann, Senator Hepner, Senator Hickman, Senator Law, Senator Mock, Senator Montes, Senator Roberson, Senator Rooker, Senator Singer, Senator Smith, Senator von Minden, Senator Wright, Senator Youll, Senator Zhu.

Members absent (14): Senator Bizé, Senator Cochran, Senator Dowdy, Senator Eckard, Senator Holt, Senator Lucas, Senator Martin, Senator McNeiland, Senator Moyers, Senator Nelson, Senator Voth, Senator Wallo, Senator Waters, Senator Webb.

Recognition of visitors to the Senate: Assistant Vice President Jerry Legere, Senate Student Secretary Ashley Meade.

Attendance Record for members of the 2005/2006 Senate:

Two senators have resigned (Martin and McNeiland). Two senators have missed six Senate meetings (Dowdy and Moyers); one senator has missed five meetings (Cochran); five senators have missed four meetings (Eckard, Hickman, Nelson, Smith and Youll); three senators have missed three meetings (Bird, Voth, and Waters); five senators have missed two meetings (Bizé, Lucas, Singer, Webb, and Zhu); six senators have missed one meeting, and eight have a perfect record of attendance.

2006/2007 Roll Call. Members present (21): Senator-Elect Absher, Senator Beasley, Senator-Elect Bost, Senator-Elect DeBolt, Senator Ferguson, Senator-Elect Furmanski, Senator Hartmann, Senator-Elect Kelsey, Senator-Elect McCormick, Senator-Elect McGuffin, Senator Mock, Senator Montes, Senator-Elect Morgan-Pyron, Senator-Elect Ravikumar, Senator-Elect Roberts, Senator-Elect Sanchez, Senator Singer, Senator Smith, Senator von Minden, Senator-Elect Warning, Senator-Elect Zaghoul.

Members absent (14): Senator Bizé, Senator-Elect Cowan, Senator Holt, Senator-Elect Loughlin, Senator Moyers, Senator Nelson, Senator-Elect Shukla, Senator-Elect Tyner, Senator Voth, Senator-Elect Wakefield, Senator Wallo, Senator Webb, Senator-Elect Wooden, Senator Wright.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY: Certification of the New Senators and Election of the 2006/2007 Senate Officers

Certification of the Newly Elected Senators

Parliamentarian Mock moved that the senators-elect be certified. The Senate unanimously approved the motion.

Election of the 2006/2007 Senate Executive Committee

1. President: Senator Montes had filed for the office and Senator Beasley was nominated from the floor; upon reflection, Senator Beasley withdrew from the running, and **Senator Montes** was elected president by unanimous consent.
2. Vice-President: **Senator Mock** had filed and there were no nominations, so he too was elected by unanimous consent.
3. Secretary/Treasurer: **Senator Beasley** self-nominated herself and was elected by unanimous consent.
4. Historian/Webmaster: **Senator Hartmann** agreed to continue in this position for another year; he was approved by unanimous consent.

Caucuses for Senate Representatives to the 2006/2007 Academic Affairs Council

Before the caucuses began, Parliamentarian Mock announced that Senator Wright would be retiring from the Senate. Representative from the College of Education and Professional Studies drew straws

and it was determined that Senator-Elect Wakefield would serve as a one year replacement for Senator Wright. Members of the 2006/2007 Senate then recessed to individual college caucuses and elected the following senators to be representatives:

1. College of Arts, Media, and Design: not enough members were present, so no candidate was offered.
2. College of Business: Senator-Elect Zaghoul.
3. College of Education and Professional Studies: Senator-Elect Wakefield.
4. College of Liberal Arts: Senator Webb.
5. College of Math and Science: Senator Holt.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The April 13, 2006 minutes were approved without emendations.

*** Special Motion from the Floor**

President-Elect Montes moved that we advance the Unfinished Business to this point in the meeting. The Senate unanimously concurred.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. FSP/FSR 2005/2006-13 *Mandatory Funding to Support Inflation Rate for Journals*
Senator Ferguson moved the former proposal (now a resolution) be approved. The Senate unanimously approved the resolution.
2. FSP/FSR 2005/2006-08R *Financial Compensation for Individual Study Courses.*
Before discussion began, Secretary Law noted that – as reflected in the April 13 Minutes – this bill was unanimously approved at the last meeting.
3. FSP 2005/2006-11 *Winter Break Modification*
Senator Hartmann had moved at the March meeting that a poll be taken of the faculty on this issue. President Roberson noted that none had been taken and that, furthermore, President Webb was not in favor of the bill. Senator Webb's committee had also voted by a 2 to 1 margin against the proposal. Senator Von Minden moved to approve the bill, but as there was no second to the motion, the proposal failed.
4. FSP 2005/2006-14 *Free Membership for Faculty and Staff to the UCO Wellness Center*
Although a proposal being offered by the Faculty Welfare Committee, it was unclear whether the Budget Committee had been asked to provide feedback on the feasibility of the bill; the Budget committee was not ready to report on this proposal, so the bill remains in committee.
5. FSP 2005/2006-15 *Faculty Pay Raise*
As President Roberson had an alternative proposal (FSR 2005/2006-17), he handed the podium over to Vice-President Beasley. A motion for approval was made by Senator Hepner. A very lively discussion ensued with many senators asking for clarifications between the two salary bills. Senator Rooker asked if there were precedents for a staggered pay raise; Secretary Law noted that this had been done in the mid-1990's. President Roberson and Senator Hepner engaged in a debate. With the discussion at an end, the Senate approved the bill with one abstention.
6. FSP 2005/2006-16 *Formula for Calculating New Base Pay Schedules for Full-Time, Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty and for Current Faculty Who Opt to Leave the Present Compensation Schedule*
Vice-President Beasley continued at the podium as the salary debates continued. Senator Hepner refused to discharge the bill from committee. Secretary Law ended the debate by making a point-of-order: if the bill is still in committee, a motion is necessary to bring the bill to the floor; as there was no such motion, the bill stays in committee.
7. FSR 2005/2006-17 *Faculty Senate Request for Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Salary Increase.*
President Roberson elicited a motion to withdraw the resolution. The motion to withdraw was made by President-Elect Montes and the Senate unanimously approved the withdrawal.

* At this point the Senate returned to its agenda.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President's Report:

President Roberson reported on the informal luncheon meeting that the Executive Committee had had with President Webb.

Vice-President's Report:

Vice President Beasley noted that all of the bills of the year had been dealt with.

Reporter/Historian's Report:

Reporter/Historian Hartmann noted that he has continued his work of getting things on to the Senate website.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Secretary/Treasurer Law stated that Senate coffers still contained \$2,785.93.

Parliamentarian's Report:

Parliamentarian Mock breathed a sigh of relief that – hopefully – the elections are now finished for the year.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Council:

Senator Montes: the council will not meet until Fall.

Alliance for Institutional Advancement:

Senator Law: no contact has been made; no report.

Alumni Associate Board of Directors

Senator Webb: no meeting; no report.

Benefits Committee:

Senator Bizé: the senator was not at the meeting; no report was given.

Budget Task Force:

Senator Hepner: There has been no movement in the State Legislature as the House and the Senate wrangle over funding for higher education. As a result, the task force has been idle. It is possible that there will be an increase in tuition, but no indication that it will be a “double digit increase.”

Continuous Improvement Team:

CIT Facilitators, Former Senator Donna Kearns and President Roberson: no report.

CIT Prospective Students, Vice President Beasley: no report.

CIT Technology, Senator Dickson: no report.

CIT Development/Continuing Education, Senator Holt: no meeting; no report.

Distance Learning Task Force:

Reporter/Historian Hartmann: Vice President Dan Donaldson has asked for suggestions. A draft will be put together and posted on the Senate website as soon as available.

Faculty Merit Committee:

Senator Lucas: the senator was not at the meeting; no report was given.

Faculty Enhancement Center Advisory Board:

Senator Youll: no meeting; no report.

Faculty Handbook Editorial Board:

Senator Montes: the President-Elect encouraged the senators to familiarize themselves with the new document.

Globalization Task Force:

Senator von Minden: the task force met this week to finalize plans for “Passport Egypt.”

Graduate Council:

Senator Rooker: the work of the council is done for the year. Dr. John Garic will continue as Interim Dean of the Graduate College.

Information Technology Advisory Board:

ITAB Faculty Advisory/Strategic Planning, Senator Dickson: no report.

ITAB Academic Affairs Group, Vice President Beasley: no contact; no report.

Outreach Committee:

Senator Montes and/or Senator Webb: there have been no communications from Outreach.

Parking Task Force:

Senator Bird: the senator had left the meeting at this point; there was no report given.

Research Advisory Council:

Senator Ferguson: no contact; no report.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**Senate Executive Committee:**

President Roberson: information about the on-going work of the Salary Task Force was included in the debates concerning the Senate bills.

Academic Affairs:

Senator Montes: no report.

Adjunct Affairs:

Secretary/Treasurer Law: no report.

Alumni and Community Affairs:

Senator Webb: no report.

Budget:

Senator Hepner: no report.

CPP&E:

Parliamentarian Mock: no report.

Faculty Handbook Revision:

Vice President Beasley: no report.

Faculty Welfare and Development:

Senator Wallo: no report.

Information Resources and Technology:

Senator Dickson: no report.

Personnel Policies:

Senator Webb: no report..

Research:

Senator Ferguson: no report.

Student Relations:

Senator Wright: no report.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**Grievance:**

President Roberson: no report.

Policy Review Committee:

Vice President Beasley: the committee has continued to study the issues of "outside work" and the grade appeals process. Student Senate had also recommended a \$2.00 increase in the athletic fee.

Outside Work Committee:

President Roberson and Senator Wallo: no report.

NEW BUSINESS

As this was the last meeting of the year, there was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Roberson expressed his thanks to Ashley Mead, the Senate Student Secretary for her to years of service to the Senate.

Secretary Law elicited a round of applause for the dedication and hard work of President Roberson.

ADJOURNMENT

President Roberson adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.