

MINUTES
Of the University of Central Oklahoma
FACULTY SENATE
Thursday, April 12, 2007
Education Building 106

CALL TO ORDER

When quorum was reached President Montes called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present (31): Senator Absher, Senator Barger-Johnson, Senator Bartgis, Senator Beasley, Senator Bost, Senator Cowan, Senator DeBolt, Senator J. Ferguson, Senator S. Ferguson, Senator Furmanski, Senator Griffith, Senator Hartmann, Senator Holt, Senator McCormick, Senator McGuffin, Senator Mock, Senator Montes, Senator Moyers, Senator Nelson, Senator Ravikumar, Senator Roberts, Senator Sanchez, Senator Singer, Senator Shukla, Senator Smith, Senator von Minden, Senator Wakefield, Senator Wallo, Senator Warning, Senator Webb, Senator Wooden

Members absent (3) Senator Loughlin, Senator Morgan-Pyror, Senator Voth.

Attendance record: (August 24, 2006 – February 8, 2007) Senator Absher (1), Senator Barger-Johnson (1), Senator Cowan (1), Senator DeBolt (2), Senator J. Ferguson (1), Senator S. Ferguson (1), Senator Holt (1), Senator Loughlin (2), President Montes (1), Senator McGuffin (1), Senator Morgan-Pyror (4), Senator Moyers (4), Senator Nelson (2), Parliamentarian Ravikumar (1), Senator Roberts (2), Senator Sanchez (3), Senator Shukla (1), Senator Singer (2), Senator Smith (4), Senator Voth (1), Senator Wakefield (1), Senator Wallo (1) and Senator Warning (1).

Recognition of visitors to the Senate: Assistant Vice President, Jerry Legere; James Allen, Wellness Center; Jay Cowan, UCO Advisement

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the March 10, 2007 were approved.

GUEST SPEAKER: James Allen, UCO Wellness Center. Mr. Allen spoke of the new report: “State of the Campus Health 2007”

SPECIAL MOTION FROM THE FLOOR: President Montes moved that we advance the Unfinished Business to this point of the meeting. The senate unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FSP 2006-07-03R: *Student Activity Research Fee.*

Senator Shukla asked if there was a mechanism on how the graduate College access the money? President Montes responded that the Graduate College is searching for a new Dean and that there may be changes, but still not clear. Vice President Mock suggested that we include graduate research as well as undergraduate research. Author Senator VonMinden accepted the friendly amendment. Mock amendment was unanimously accepted.

FSR 2006/2007-06R *Faculty Senate Resolution in Support of the Development and Implementation of an Academic Early Referral System.*

Senator Cowen discussed the background of this bill. No discussion. Bill passed unanimously.

FSR 2006-2007-07R *Defining the Roles and Responsibilities of Faculty Members in the Faculty Handbook.*

Senator Barger-Johnson discussed the issue that load hours are subject to accreditation issues. Senator Montes responded expressing that the RUSO Policy distinguished between academic load and academic instructional load. Bill was voted on and passed with one dissent.

FSR 2006-2007-08 *Faculty Senate Request for Declaration of the Extent of Support and Cooperation Extended to International Faculty Hires for Authorization to Work and Residency.*

Senator Ravikumar, author of the bill, reported that this bill is requesting a university policy on hiring international faculty.

FSR 2006/2007-09 *Establishment of an Athletics Advisory Council*

Senator Webb introduced this bill and reported the Academic Affair Committee supported this bill. This bill will be voted on April 26th.

FSR 2006/2007-10 *University Committee Assignments of the Faculty Senate*

CCP&E supports this amendment. Senator Shukla reported that this bill will assure that Faculty Senate representation is granted and the executive board determines who sits on the committee, rather than just the Faculty Senate president. This bill will be voted on April 26th.

FSR 2006/2007-11 *Restricting Access to Faculty/Staff Parking Permits*

The Faculty Welfare Committee supports this bill. This bill will be voted on April 26th.

FSR 2006/2007-12 *Evaluation of Deans and Senior Administrators by Faculty Senate*

Faculty Executive Board supports this bill. There is no formal method for Evaluation of Deans, but the UCO Faculty Handbook states it should be done. This bill will be voted on April 26th.

FSR 2006/2007-13R *Time-in-Rank Adjustment*

Senator Furmanski reported the bill out of committee. This bill will be voted on April 26th.

FHEB-2006/2007-03 *Instructional Media Policy*

This bill was reported out by the Faculty Handbook Committee. There was much discussion on this bill. This bill will be voted on April 26th.

FHEB-2006/2007-04 Roles and Responsibilities of Deans

This bill will be discussed and voted on April 26th.

AAEC 2006/2007-01 UCO Educational Philosophy

This bill is with Academic Affairs Committee and can be seen online. Please send comments to President Montes.

*At this time the Senate returned to its agenda

SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President's Report:

President Montes's report can be seen electronically at <http://www.ucok.edu/facsen/committees.htm>.

Vice-President's Report: Vice President Mock no report.

Reporter/Historian's Report: Senator Hartmann discussed the Faculty Senate website.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Senator Beasley no report.

Parliamentarian's Report: Senator Ravikumar reported that there will be a run-off between Administrators Senators Linda Loften and MarianSpears. New Senators will join the Senate meeting for confirmation on April 26th.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Council:

Senator Webb meeting every week, looking at academic terminology.

Academic Early Warning System: Senator Holt and Senator McCormick will report out on bill later in agenda.

Action Teams:

Academic Integrity:

Senator Bost reported that this committee completed a document that was submitted to Dr. Cunliff. All documents of academic integrity were pulled together.

Alumni Association Board of Directors: No Report

Benefits Committee:

Senator Waring reported that she contacted benefits but there was no action.

Budget Task Force:

President Montes reported that Vice President Kriedler has been publishing white papers on budget movements at the state level.

Continuous Improvement Team:

President Montes reported that his committee is developing applications for Oklahoma Quality Award.

Distance Education Committee:

Reporter/Historian Hartmann: No Report.

On-line Course Evaluation:

Senator Roberts and Senator Bartgis – No Report

Faculty Merit Credit Committee:

Reporter/Historian Hartmann reported that 21 applications were received. Committee members are beginning to review submissions. Scoring complete. Will meet to rank April 14.

FEC Advisory Board:

Senator S. Ferguson: No report.

Faculty Handbook Editorial Board: President Montes reported that this committee is presently looking at issue of defining responsibilities of adjunct professor, assistant/associate/full professors.

Globalization Committee:

Senator von Minden: No Report

Graduate Council:

President Montes reported the most recent Dean search failed.

Information Technology Advisory:

Faculty Advisory- Senator Roberts No Report

OneCard Committee: Senator Bartgis reported that committee is developing questions for vendors.

Emergency Communications: Senator Cowan reported that this committee is working emergency communication through the IT area.

Transportation and Parking Advisory Council:

Senator Shukla and Senator Voth: No report

Research Advisory Council:

Senator von Minden: on-campus research grants have not been completed, applicants will be notified in May.

Merit Task Force:

Senator Furmanski reported that this committee continues to meet weekly. Sent recommendation that if merit is possible, the first priority should be promotion, second priority should be cost of living (COLA), and third should be based on merit. Colleges will have an opportunity to formulate merit policies.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senate Executive Committee:

President Montes reported electronically.

Academic Affairs:

Senator Webb: No Report.

Ad Hoc Committee on New Pay Structure:

Senator Wooden: No Report.

Adjunct Affairs:

Senator Wooden reported that this committee continues to meet.

Alumni and Community Relations: No Report

Budget:

Senator Furmanski: reported out and will vote on bill.

CPP&E:

Senator Ravikumar thanked senators for helping count vote.

Faculty Handbook:

Reporter/Historian Hartmann: reported that bill will be voted on.

Faculty Welfare and Development:

Senator Wallo reported that this committee support FSR 2006-07-11.

Information Resources and Technology:

Senator Roberts: No Report.

Personnel Policies:

Senator Warning reported that pilot packages are ready to be sent to volunteer classes for evaluation.

Research:

Senator von Minden: No Report.

Student Relations:

Senator Cowan: No Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT PRESIDENT: President Montes adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.
Secretary/Treasurer Beasley, 4/24/07